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125 Seek BBI Degrees

By Duke K. McCall, President
Baptist Bible Institute,
New Orleans, Louisiana

The enrollment of the Baptist Bible Institute, as of March 15, is 275. These students have come from twenty different states and three foreign countries. There are three students from Argentina, one from Brazil, and one from the Territory of Hawaii.

Representatives of forty-nine different colleges (17 Baptist) are found in the student body. The largest number from any college is thirty-three, from Mississippi College Clinton. Approximately 50% of the present enrollment did not attend college. Special courses and classes on the college level are provided for these men and women.

The present enrollment includes 125 candidates for the following degrees: Doctor of Theology; Master of Theology; Bachelor of Divinity; Bachelor of Theology; Master of Religious Education and Bachelor of Religious Education.

It is anticipated that on May 1,
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Baptist Hour Speaker



DR. C. OSCAR JOHNSON

April 8, 1945

Speaker—Dr. C. Oscar Johnson.
Subject—"What Shall I Do With
Jesus?"
Other speakers in April are: Rev.
Garland A. Hendricks, Dr. W. H.
Knight.

Meridian Will Observe Bible Teaching

During the week of April 23-27 the Meridian and Lauderdale county churches are cooperating in a Better Bible Teaching Week, with meetings being held each night in the First Baptist Church. The emphasis is strictly on teaching. A splendid faculty has been secured and the week promises to be a great one.

The faculty is as follows:

Nursery—Miss Carolyn Madison, Jackson, Miss.

Beginner—Miss Pauline Hargis, Sunday School Board.

Primary—Miss Allene Bryan, Sunday School Board.

Junior—Mrs. Lillian Rice, Sunday School Board.

Intermediate—Miss Mary Virginia Lee, Sunday School Board.

Young People—Philip B. Harris, Sunday School Board, and W. R. Roberts, Jackson, Miss.

Adult—J. L. Corzine, South Carolina Sunday School Secretary.

General Bible Study—Dr. Howard M. Reaves, Sunday School Board.

Director—E. C. Williams, Jackson, Miss.

The Meridian pastors and workers are cooperating in a fine way to make this a great week indeed with the emphasis strictly on Better Bible Teaching. Many churches in the association will also cooperate in the work of that week. It is sincerely hoped that every church in the association will have at least some of its teachers present each evening that week.



PHILIP B. HARRIS

Youth Leader Coming To Meridian

Mr. Philip B. Harris, young people's leader of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct the young people's conferences in the Better Bible Teaching Week of the Lauderdale Association, the week of April 23-27, with meetings to be held each night in the First Baptist Church of Meridian.

This promises to be a great week, and the emphasis will be strictly on better Bible teaching. A great faculty has been lined up and other names will appear in The Baptist Record next week.

Ridgecrest Conferences Cancelled

The summer conferences at Ridgecrest have been cancelled, according to a statement issued by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Forest: Last Friday a "beer train" passed through Scott county with 60 carloads of beer. This trainload of beer was headed for New Orleans for export. Think of the much-needed space that this will occupy on our ships, when unnumbered thousands of the world are dying from starvation! And they tell us that we live in "Christian" America! What hypocrisy!

The decision to cancel the conferences was made reluctantly after a trip by Perry Morgan, resident manager at Ridgecrest, to confer with ODT officials in Washington.

It was also announced that the Boys' Camp would be held as heretofore.

Dr. Holcomb's statement follows:

At our request Mr. Perry Morgan went to Washington for a conference with the Office of Defense Transportation officials relative to holding our regular leadership conferences at Ridgecrest

exceedingly grave transportation crisis this summer. They made clear the in our nation due to war emergencies
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ODT Permits 31 Church Legislative Conferences

Washington—(RNS)—The War Committee on Conventions announced here that permits have been granted through February 28, in addition to those previously announced, for 31 church legislative conferences.

The large number of permits announced represents a much more liberal policy toward church meetings.

The following permits have been issued for religious organizations:

Protestant Episcopal diocese of Quincy, annual business and devotional meeting, Rock Island, Ill., May 1, 2.

Protestant Episcopal diocese of Albany, annual convention, Albany, N. Y., May 1, 2.

Baltimore yearly meeting of Religious Society of Friends, Baltimore, Md., March 28 to April 1.

Bible Presbyterian Synod, Harvey Cedars, N. J., May 29.

Catawba Presbytery of Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, S. C., April 10.

Christian and Missionary Alliance, annual meeting, Indianapolis, May 10 to 15.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, annual meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Protestant Episcopal diocese of Erie, convention, Meadville, Pa., May 15, 16.

Protestant Episcopal diocese of New Jersey, convention, Trenton, N. J., May 8.

Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York convention, New York City, May 8.

American Unitarian Association, annual meeting, Boston, May 24.

Protestant Episcopal diocese of Kansas, convention, Emporia, Kansas, April 16.

Protestant Episcopal diocese of North Carolina, convention, Burlington, N. C., May 8, 9.

Protestant Episcopal diocese of Vermont, convention, Burlington, May 22, 23.

Washington and North Idaho convention of Disciples of Christ, Wenatchee, Wash., July 9 to 12.

English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, Minneapolis, May 22 to 24.

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Poling Reports Few Service Men Getting Letters

New York—(RNS)—Less than five per cent of American service men in the southwest Pacific are receiving personal letters from their pastors and churches, it was revealed here by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, world president of the Christian Endeavor Union, who has just completed a 36,000-mile tour of U. S. bases in the Pacific.

This statement, he said, was based on interviews with chaplains and is supported by Col. Ivan L. Bennett, senior chaplain in Gen. MacArthur's command, and by Captain Ruben Shrum, senior chaplain of the 7th Fleet, who accompanied him on his Pacific visits.

Dr. Poling's tour was the fourth of a series, averaging three-and-a-half months each, and covering a total distance of 127,000 miles, to U. S. Army and Navy centers. Previous trips covered Great Britain, Africa, the Middle East, Egypt, India, China, Assam, Australia, and U. S. installations in Central and South America.

On his Pacific tour, Dr. Poling met 547 chaplains of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths. He spoke to groups of enlisted men and officers that sometimes numbered up to 10,000 persons.

"Nowhere in the world," he said, "has religion been given a greater opportunity than in the Pacific. That the response to the encouragement and cooperation given to chaplains by the commanding officers has been correspondingly great is reflected in the fact that the chapel, even in the most primitive outposts, has been the first structure erected."

Dr. Poling made his tour as representative of the Federal Council of Churches, the Church Peace Union, the Christian Endeavor Union, and the American and Foreign Christian Union, of which he is chairman. In Australia, he preached on eight Sundays to capacity congregations in the Scots church in Melbourne.

Sparks & Splinters-

Rev. A. B. White, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris, Texas, has accepted the position of director of rural work in Texas.

Winona, First: Despite unfavorable weather we had 202 in Sunday school and went over the "top" in our offering goal for "Home and Foreign Missions." Our goal was \$100; we have reached \$127.94. In recent weeks we have added a new adult women's class to our Sunday school. We are striving for 250 in Sunday school April 1.

We had a great meeting at Poplar Springs, Calhoun county, though we had to park our cars for three days and go to our services in wagons. There were eight additions to the church there, four being by baptism. A great offering for a country church and a good offering to pastor.—E. D. Estes, enlistment pastor.

Rev. M. C. Waldrup, Liberty, reports six additions at his church one Sunday morning recently. There were fifteen professions of faith at Ford school in Amite county. Mississippi Association is having a simultaneous revival the first week in April.

Two weeks ago, I was with the Pittsboro Baptist Church in another good revival meeting. There were six additions to that church, four being by baptism. A good offering also. Rev. R. L. Harville is their fine, constructive pastor.—E. D. Estes, enlistment pastor.

A few days ago my phone rang and it was Mr. S. F. Love of Itta Bena telling me of the death of his mother, Mrs. R. F. Love. It was a shock to me as I had not known of her being sick. When I heard of the death of Mrs. Love my mind went back in the years past when I was her pastor in Itta Bena. We were neighbors and we never had a better one. She was a good Christian, an efficient church worker and faithful in all of the work of the church and town. There was not a better person in the town than was she. She reared a fine family and they are a blessing in their respective homes and communities and churches. One of our daughters, Love, was named for the Love family.—W. R. Cooper.

"A Very Present Help" by Lieutenant General Sir William Dobbie, the heroic governor of Malta during its siege in 1940 is "a tribute to the faithfulness of God." This book is the voice of the general's heart. Humbly and thankfully he pays tribute to the faithfulness of God. Get this book and let this hero's message speak to your heart. It will give you courage, peace and power. It is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. The price is \$1.25. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

Another Choctaw has made the supreme sacrifice. Lt. Charlie Tom Jones, former Mississippi College athlete was killed in action with the marines on Iwo Jima recently. "Charley Tom" was one of the best football and basketball stars ever to attend Mississippi College.

Benevolent old man: Don't you think fishing is a cruel sport? Angler: I certainly do. I've been sitting here five hours and never had a single bite, and I've got three wasp stings, I'm eaten up with flies, and the sun's taken all the skin off the back of my neck.—Minneapolis Journal.

Teacher: The sentence, "My father had money," is the past tense. Now, Mary, what tense would you be speaking in if you said, "My father has money? Mary: Pretense.

Newspaper contributor (in letter): "I am a speedy worker. I finished the enclosed article in an hour and thought nothing of it." Editor (replying): "I got through your article in a fraction of that time and thought the same."

Stockholm—(By Wireless, RNS)—The Baptist congregation at Tromsø, in Northern Norway, is preparing to celebrate its 75th anniversary, and plans to launch a financial campaign for the restoration of its war-damaged church. Economically, 1944 proved the best year in the congregation's history.

The Arizona brethren introduced another type of evangelism, namely: Desert Steak Fry Evangelism. Church men invited a lost friend to join them in a desert steak fry following evening services in the churches. After the food and fellowship period, a brief devotional was conducted. Then a short time was given for each man to talk personally with his invited guest about becoming a Christian. Then a brief evangelistic message with an appeal brought a number of decisions; some rededications, reclamations, and seven definite conversions. One young man surrendered to the ministry. Everybody enjoyed this so thoroughly that they proposed to hold one in every community in the state where there is a Baptist church. All of our states do not have deserts, but the men of our churches can have such a meeting as this in their own lunch room or at a supper table in the woods or in the open country.—M. E. Dodd.

Moscow (By Wireless, RNS)—Fresh attacks on the Vatican, claiming that the Holy See is helping Fascist leaders to escape punishment, were made by the Soviet magazine, War and the Working Class, in an article citing press reports that several well-known fascists sought refuge in Vatican territory.

"Remember, my boy," said the elderly relative, "that wealth does not bring happiness." "I don't expect it to," answered the young man. "I merely want it so that I may be able to choose the kind of misery that is most agreeable to me."

Dr. T. D. Brown, pastor of First church, Hattiesburg, preached for us, and Mr. Edwards, pastor of Baldwin church, led the singing in our revival. There were several conversions and some additions by letter and statement.—C. J. Smyly, Blue Mountain.

George C. Douma, expansion minister of the Reformed Church in America, is the author of a good devotional booklet, "How to Live for Christ." There are five chapters. The author says it was written primarily for those in the armed service. It will be helpful to anyone. The Zondervan Publishing house is the publisher and the price is 35c. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

The Goodyear church will begin a spring revival on April 8 and continue through April 13. The visiting evangelist will be Rev. Ira F. Metts of Ackerman. During the week services will be held only at night.—Guy Little, pastor.

Rev. W. L. Compere preached his first sermon at Northside church, Jackson, on Easter Sunday. There was a packed house and there were 12 additions.

JUST LIKE YOU is the study course book for Primary-age groups in the Foreign Mission Graded Series. It was written by Margaret T. Applegarth, author of thirty religious books, contributor to various magazines and editor of a monthly magazine in braille for blind children. She is a member of the executive committee of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. This book contains five stories, each about children of foreign lands. In a very clever manner Miss Applegarth has woven into these stories some interesting facts about the resources and products of the various nations in order to show how all peoples are dependent upon one another. In this way our children get a knowledge of our geographical world, as well as grasp some ideas about the industrial and commercial world. The stories are designed chiefly to instill into the hearts and minds of our children a spirit of kindness and help toward children of other lands, to show them how countries are mutually dependent the world over, and tell them of God's interest in and care for all peoples. The publisher is the Broadman Press and orders should be sent to them at Nashville, Tenn., or to the Baptist Book Store. The price is 25 cents.

Rev. B. D. Isaac, Choctaw Indian preacher, Neshoba County, writes that they have had a Centennial Crusade revival and they also enclosed a check for State Missions.

Agricola church received two additions by letter on Sunday, April first.—G. L. Taylor, pastor.

The Sunday school of Pine Grove church in Pearl River Association is expecting to reach the standard in the near future. We have recently added two new class rooms. Jesse W. McGehee is superintendent of the school. The Cradle Roll department has already attained the standard. Our pastor is Rev. E. Y. Soileau.—Reporter.

We had an average attendance of 40 in our B. T. U. study course in March. More than thirty awards will be presented for completion of the courses. Teachers were: Miss Monte McMaham of Jonestown, adults; Dr. Charles Treadway of Cleveland, Intermediates; Miss Mary Love McElroy of Jonestown, Juniors.—A. Estus Mason, pastor, Lyon church.

Rev. M. E. Perry of Leakesville and Brother O. U. Barlow were with us in our revival early in March. There were 73 additions, 63 by baptism. This gives us a total of 83 for the associational year. The preacher brought good messages and the song services were inspirational. We expect to be in our new building soon.—Loyd Shelton, pastor, Crowder church.

No room on trains for conventions, yet the Office of Defense Transportation made the Monon Route take off six trains March 1 because they were carrying less than 35 per cent capacity in passengers. Something wrong in ODT headquarters!—Western Recorder.

The Brotherhood of First church, Pascagoula, has prepared a Brotherhood Handbook for 1945. It gives the purpose of the Brotherhood, the officers and committee chairmen, duties of officers, duties of committees, policy of the Brotherhood, names of Brotherhood members, and lists the Brotherhood members in the armed forces. The total number of members is 207 and 53 are in the armed service.

Rev. Robert H. Ayers, for the past two and a half years pastor of the Andrews (S. C.) church, has been elected B. S. U. secretary for South Carolina. He succeeds Rev. R. H. Fallowell, who resigned last September to take further work in the Seminary at Louisville.

Hon. Arthur Capper of Kansas has introduced a bill in the Senate which, if enacted into law, puts an end to the inexcusable, continuous, destructive advertising of alcoholic beverages in our land. Get busy! Write or wire your senator to back him.—Western Recorder.

Many an otherwise good Baptist of this day spends the bulk of his time discussing what the other fellow should be and do. Some such people are "carping critics"; others of them are honest in their convictions and attitudes, but childish in their outlooks. Hosts of them know better than the state secretary how the general work should be carried on; many can operate a mission board with greater skill than its trained leaders; others know better than the editor and his helpers how to publish a denominational paper; so many know far better than their pastor how to preach, how to do pastoral work and such things. And the less one of them gives to our denominational work, the more skill he has in advising the denominational boards and their employees, "Fize you, I'd spend it this way!"—Western Recorder.

May I thank you for your continued fight against the liquor traffic AND against that Black Market Lay down there in OUR state. I wrote to Gov. Bailey immediately after the passage of that law, but have not as yet heard a single word from him. I plan to write again soon.—J. Clifford Watson, Bloomington, Ind.

According to the Quarterly Review, the First church of Columbia was the only church in Mississippi to baptize more than 100 in 1943. This church reported 101 baptisms.

Winona Lake School of Theology will hold the 1945 session for six weeks from June 27 to August 2. Dr. S. L. Stealey, professor of history at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will offer a course in American Church History. There are a limited number of free rooms available. For complete information write for 1945 Prospectus, addressing the president, Dr. J. A. Huffman, until June 1, Upland, Indiana; after this date, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Gaston Avenue church, Dallas, Texas, is presenting a home to Dr. and Mrs. W. Marshall Craig as the church bulletin says, "from hearts of grateful appreciation for the years of unselfish devotion and service." The home is completely furnished and cost \$17,800.

Lyon: During our evangelistic revival we had 21 to come for baptism. Rev. William Lowrey Cooper, missionary to Argentina, was the visiting preacher and C. R. Haire led the singing.—A. Estus Mason, pastor.

Mrs. Rebecca Hendry Whitfield, wife of Rev. Theo Whitfield, pastor of Pocahontas Baptist Church, passed away April second at the Baptist Hospital. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband and the two sons, George, of Richmond, Virginia; Paul, of Turner Field, Georgia, and the daughter, Mrs. Grace W. Murrill, of Pocahontas; the three grandchildren and also to the three brothers and two sisters who survive.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God." II Tim. 3:16.

January 1945 will probably remain the record Mississippi Baptist month financially for some time to come.

Mississippi Baptist churches sent through this office for that one month monies for the work of Christ as follows: Cooperative Program \$48,861.95; Designations \$201,129.11; Now Club \$679.21, making a total of \$250,670.27. We had not played this up simply because we had no desire to generate a proud spirit in our Mississippi Baptist life. It is a splendid testimony to the love and loyalty of the people of Christ. We like to sound out good testimony. Doxology.

Mr. D. C. Simmons, President of the Hospital Board of Trustees announces official action has been taken looking toward providing more moderately priced rooms in the proposed building expansion program. This provision, along with the usual discount for cash, will make hospitalization come easily within reach of the more modest salaried person. It will meet with general approval among Mississippi Baptists and their friends. It is another forward step on the part of the management of our Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

We were trying to win a man to the Lord Jesus Christ. His proved a rather difficult case. For one thing he said he could not find a denomination that suited him. We reminded him that there were approximately 500 denominations and it would be peculiar indeed if he could not find one of the 500 to suit him. In the second place we suggested that he might try starting a denomination of his own—one just like he wanted.

In the third place we emphasized that he was not yet ready to consider the church organization, but rather take Jesus as Saviour and Lord. We further emphasized the fact that when he was really convicted of his sin the church would not be the primary emphasis at the time, but rather a Saviour would be the object of his seeking. A starving man does not ask what brand of bread is offered—he first satisfies his hunger and then becomes more choice as to the particular brand he will follow.

A brother comes asking how the enormous Mississippi Baptist debts were paid within the four year period. We have answered that question repeatedly and are glad to answer it again. The answer is very simple. Much more so than the raising of the money.

1. Mississippi Baptists just rose up and gave the money for this purpose. They did it to save interest and honor. They did it because they were tired of hearing debt at just about every meeting. They did it that their spiritual powers and resources might be released in expanding the work of the Lord Jesus Christ on every frontier and in every area. They did it out of love for Jesus and the name they bear.

2. It was done by placing this money to the cause for which it was given, and we conserved finances at every possible point. That is the whole story and a simple one.

Another brother comes asking where the money came from for the State Mission reserve and erecting the Baptist building. We have answered this question repeatedly, and we are glad to answer it again. This answer is also a very simple one.

1. Mississippi Baptists gave the money either through the 25 per cent State Mission allocation from the Co-operative Program, or their designations to State Missions. We think they did this out of respect for and love of Jesus. They realized they could not go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature without preaching the gospel to every creature at home. Mark 16:15. They believe the admonition of I Timothy 5:8, "If any man provide not for his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." Our "Mississippi household" got onto our hearts. Mississippi Baptists believe Jesus deliberately set up the order of Acts 1:8. "Jerusalem—Judea—Samaria—unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Interesting information along with love and loyalty encouraged Mississippi Baptists to increase their contributions from \$202,000 to all causes in 1939 to \$880,758.30 in 1944, as reported to that Convention, as presented in the audit, and as printed in the 1944 Annual.

2. State Mission monies along with all other monies were carefully conserved—every bit of it going to the object of designation, or allocation.

That is the whole story. The Orphanage built up a reserve of over \$200,000 in the same way. Our colleges have built up a good reserve in the form of endowment, etc., the same way. We believe the heart of the Saviour is satisfied and happy because of this expression toward His work. Our own hearts certainly sing a Doxology!

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God." II Tim. 3:16.

We have in Mississippi some of the strongest pastors to be found anywhere. They are dynamic preachers along with other attainments. We are announcing NOW that after next year so far as our voice and vote are concerned, we hope to have an all-Mississippi personnel Evangelistic Conference. Pastors on Evangelistic Committees have suggested new voices from outside the state each year, and as always we have been guided by the voice of the majority. In deep seriousness, however, we feel that we have plenty of pastors who can do the job and they should be heard.

As in the pastorate we have found that in this position many little aggravated details come up that should never exist and would not exist with Christlikeness and spirituality.

Recently after an anonymous letter was circulated one of our pastors wrote, in suggesting that if that was all Baptists had to do he would like for his name to be removed from the Pastor's list. Sometime before as a result of accumulated poison this office received a request that another pastor's name be taken from the list. Again, a brother came saying that a "land-mark" had his name on the Pastors' list. Only three or four such instances have oc-

curred, and in order that everyone may understand the policy of this office, please let us say, that from here on out all cooperating pastors and churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will remain on the mailing list. This office will not become involved in any of the petty conflicts existent.

SOME TESTS FOR RIGHT AND WRONG

1. The personal test: will doing it make me a better Christian?
2. The social test: will doing it influence others to be better or poorer Christians?
3. The practical test: will doing it likely bring desirable or undesirable tests?
4. The universal test: suppose everyone did it?
5. The scriptural test: is it expressly forbidden in the word of God?
6. The stewardship test: will doing it involve a waste of God's intrustment to me?
7. The missionary test: will doing it likely help or hinder the progress of the Kingdom of God?
8. "He that doubteth is condemned" if he proceeds in the face of his doubts, for "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." See Romans 14:13-23.

Therefore, when in doubt, DON'T.

We would like to express a word of "thank you" to many of our very fine men and women in various government departments as Health, Education, Farm and what not, who are daily rendering exceptional services to the people. It is easy to be critical about things we do not like and forget to express appreciation for marvelous and constructive services. We salute them! Blessings upon them!

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Sometime ago we asked Dr. E. P. Alldredge, one of the greatest statisticians of our day, to give us a ten-year and twenty-five year comparison of status and progress in our Mississippi Baptist life. The hearts of all Mississippi Baptists should sing a doxology as we review the following pictures of God's Blessings upon us.

Items	TEN YEARS' PROGRESS IN MISSISSIPPI—1934-1943		
	1934	1943	Ten Years' Gains
Churches	1,491	1,571	80
Ordained Ministers	968	1,070	102
Baptisms	9,921	11,693	1,772
Church Members	242,919	307,817	64,898
Sunday Schools	1,275	1,411	136
Sunday School Enrollment	136,799	140,298	3,499
B. T. U. Organizations	1,847	2,453	606
B. T. U. Members	35,612	39,069	3,457
W. M. U. Organizations	1,326	1,911	585
W. M. U. Contributions	\$ 83,259	\$ 240,100	\$ 156,841
Church Houses	1,404	1,522	118
Pastors' Homes	210	272	62
Value of Church Property	\$ 8,911,702	\$ 10,421,123	\$ 1,509,421
Gifts for Local Work	811,137	2,195,351	1,384,214
Gifts for Missions and Benevolences	150,915	745,505	594,590
Total Gifts, All Purposes	\$ 962,052	\$ 2,856,040	\$ 1,893,988

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' PROGRESS IN MISSISSIPPI

Figures By Dr. E. P. Alldredge

Your heart will join ours in a doxology as together we study the growth and development in our Mississippi Baptist life as follows:

ITEMS	1919	1944	25 yr. Gains
Churches	1,508	1,571	63
Baptisms	4,087	11,693	7,606
Church Members	172,288	307,817	135,529
Sunday Schools	919	1,411	492
Sunday School Enrollment	75,492	140,298	64,606
B. T. U. Organizations	480	2,453	1,973
B. T. U. Enrollment	11,500	39,069	27,569
W. M. U. Organizations	813	1,911	1,098
W. M. U. Enrollment	15,440	36,917	21,477
Contributions			
W. M. U. Contributions	\$ 26,833	\$ 240,100.00	\$ 213,217.00
Value of Church Property	\$ 2,935,319	\$ 10,421,123.00	\$ 7,485,804.00
Gifts to Local Work	\$ 539,875	\$ 2,195,351.00	\$ 1,655,476.00
Gifts to Missions and Benevolences	\$ 202,120	\$ 745,505.75	\$ 543,387.75
Total Gifts, all Purposes	\$ 741,995	\$ 2,856,040.00	\$ 2,114,045.00

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Pastor James Crumpton, West Side Baptist Church, Natchez, is one of our busy pastors. Despite rain falling in torrents a good congregation gathered for the dedicatory service. They have wrought well these seven years. In addition to his church ministry they run a large radio ministry. Brother Sweetman recently came to them as song leader.

Easter Sunday night we were rained out of our second service in seven years. The rain fell in floods, the wind blew our car from one side of the road to the other repeatedly, and we drove singing, "Everything all right in My Father's House."

Pastor Joe Hudson, Bassfield, rendered excellent services as our song
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WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOALS FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Every Mississippi Baptist Church contributing through the Cooperative Program.
2. A summer assembly.
3. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
4. Two rural evangelists instead of one.
5. A full-time Indian worker.
6. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
7. Associational missionaries.
8. Enlarged soldier work.
9. The Baptist Record in every home.
10. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Woman's Missionary Union and a Brotherhood in every church.

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CALLING A PASTOR IS A CHURCH RESPONSIBILITY

"Rev. G. L. Burkett, colored, former pastor of St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church at 121 East South Street, lost another round in his fight to retain his pulpit when Chancellor V. J. Stricker ruled Wednesday in favor of nine deacons of the church, who sought to oust Burkett and substitute another minister.

"Ruling on Burkett's petition for an injunction against the deacons, Stricker decided in favor of a demurrer entered by the deacons, stating that, according to Baptist discipline, the election of a minister was a matter properly handled by the deacons of a church."

We are not a lawyer nor do we want to become involved in a church fuss. But the above article seems to state that "according to Baptist discipline, the election of a minister was a matter properly handled by the deacons of a church."

This is news to us. We have always been taught that calling a pastor was a church affair and not the deacons' responsibility.

PASTOR PROVIDES INFORMATION

From a recent copy of the bulletin of the First church, Pontotoc, John W. Cook, pastor, we clip the following item:

A little over \$250.00 was given by our church last month through the Co-operative Program. This money was divided as follows: \$150.00 was used in Mississippi; \$50.00 for State Missions.

50.00 for Christian Education. 15.00 for Orphanage. 5.00 for Ministerial Education. 23.75 for Mississippi Baptist Hospital. 6.25 for Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

\$100.00 was used throughout the South and world:

\$50.00 for Foreign Missions. 23.33 for Home Missions.

4.45 for Southern Baptist Seminary.

4.45 for Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

4.45 for Baptist Bible Institute. 2.00 for American Baptist Seminary (Negro).

10.33 for Relief and Annuity Board.

1.00 for W. M. U. Training School.

No doubt many other pastors do the same thing, and without any intention of being dictatorial, we want to commend this plan to other pastors.

He states the total amount given by his church through the Cooperative Program and then shows how the money was divided among various objects.

If more churches would do the same thing the people would know more about where their money goes and be more disposed to contribute.

THE MANPOWER POOL

From our government churches may learn more about discovering resources for man power. Again and again General Hershey, head of Selective Service, has come to Draft Boards with the injunction to find more men. We have seen our youth go; we have seen professional men go; we have seen our farmers go and also our women go.

In a complacent manner we have watched our departments for Young People and Adults dwindle because of WAR. We have done away with classes or doubled up because of lack of teachers and leaders.

Where is our man power pool? Our church rolls have names of people who have never been enlisted into the activities of the church. New people have moved into our towns and cities to take war jobs even as our men have moved into other communities.

These newcomers need to be enlisted in our church life. Many of them have been active workers in their home towns.

These are crucial days for the church. We need to be militant and aggressive in our warfare against sin, which is rampant not only in heathen nations, but even in the fold of the church.

We need laymen who are trained for service. Let our Adult unions become training grounds for our man power and the Sunday school and missionary organizations the proving ground for our workers after they have been trained.

Let us discover the latent power among us.

BR BAPTISTS REFUSE LIQUOR MONEY

A few weeks ago liquor dealers of Dallas, Texas, sent a check for \$25,000 to the Baylor Hospital Fund. They also sent a check for \$30,000 to the Southern Methodist University and \$10,000 to a Catholic hospital. From press dispatches it seems that the Methodist and Catholic checks were sent before the Baptist check.

Baylor trustees promptly returned the check accompanied by a very courteous letter. The letter explained that the money was appreciated, but as it came from the sale of liquor which Baptists had fought they could not conscientiously accept it.

As soon as this action became known S. M. U. also returned the money sent them. We have seen no mention of the fact that the money was returned by the Catholics.

Twenty-five thousand dollars is a lot of money. At least we think it is. And it would greatly aid Baylor in reaching its building goal. But we believe Baptists will unanimously endorse the action of the Baylor trustees. To have accepted that money would have placed a question mark about any Texas Baptist fight on liquor. The advantage gained by the \$25,000 gift would have been far outweighed by the handicap imposed. It never pays to compromise with the devil or his works.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

Baptist Apostasy Revealed

Of course there are many sound churches in northern territory. Probably a large majority of them are truly Baptist in belief and practice. There are, however, increasing evidences of a great apostasy among city



When it was proposed to spending of \$15,000,000 in newspapers to advertise War Bonds, the press set up the cry that if the press received that money it would not be free. At the same time they were receiving \$20,000,000 plus from the liquor interests for advertising their booze. Afraid to advertise War Bonds to help save our soldiers from death. Ready to advertise liquor that specializes in death. It would seem that Americans delight in being duped.

churches, as is shown by the following quotation from the bulletin of First Baptist Church, Worcester, Mass.

"This church recognizes every individual's right to his own belief, and welcomes to full membership persons from all denominations. Those, not members of any church are welcomed to our membership and they are received, if they so desire, on statement of their belief in God and the principles taught by Jesus, His interpreter to the world. The ordinance of baptism is a privilege and not a requirement."

Examine that quotation for a bit and see to what extent this church has gone in discounting the Word of God. In the first place no individual who proposes to follow Christ has a right to "his own belief." He has a right to believe nothing but the truth which is contained in the Word of God—in the gospel where salvation is concerned. No one has a right to disbelieve it and at the same time to be a member of a household of faith, or a New Testament church.

Secondly, the reception of unbaptized people, even if they are believers, is contrary to the definite implications as well as positive demands of the New Testament. A Baptist church has no safeguards against heresies, no basis for discipline of its members, no reason to exist, unless it accepts its responsibility for "standing guard round about" the things which Jesus committed to His people, the two most sacred of these being the ordinances. To claim that the ordinance of baptism is not a requirement for full membership is to contradict practically every great Christian scholar since apostolic days; it is to deny revelation and practice of the earliest Christians who, so far as we have any information, always immersed believers before admitting them into the fellowship of the churches.

It is a tragedy that our churches, even some in the South, are steadily denying the historic faith and thus hastening the complete overthrow of evangelical Christianity.—Western Recorder.

Mississippi College Paragraphs

By D. M. NELSON

Mrs. Rosa M. Batson, of Millard, Miss., is establishing the Lawrence L. Batson Memorial Endowment Fund, the income from which is to be used to help needy and worthy ministerial students at Mississippi College. She has already given \$3,000.00 on the fund and proposes to add to it from time to time. This fund memorializes her splendid son, Lawrence, who was graduated from Mississippi College in 1914. This was in the early days of the writer's connection with Mississippi College as teacher. Lawrence had work with him in Chemistry and Physics and also as faculty supervisor of Jennings Hall. He had the opportunity of close association. A fast friendship was formed. It is a noble thing for his mother to set up this memorial to her son, who had so much promise and who was stricken so early in life.

The Clinton Baptist Church voted recently to make a donation of \$1,000 from a surplus in the current expense fund for the Enlargement Program of Mississippi College. A movement is now on foot among faculty members, the student body, the church and the entire citizenship of the town of Clinton to determine what should be their over-all share in the movement. From all indications it will be a sizeable amount.

We enjoyed the day with the saints in Brookhaven Sunday. Though the weather was inclement, the congregations were large at both services. We met again many friends of yester-year. Thirty-eight years ago we started our teaching career in Lincoln County. Those are years of happy and fragrant memories. The labors of our former pastor, James L. Sullivan, and his faithful helpmate are bearing much fruit to the glory of God.

We invite as many of The Baptist Record readers as feel led to do so to join the faculty and students of the college each Wednesday at 10:00 a. m. in prayer for the Mississippi College Enlargement Program, for the turning of a large number of our choice young men and young women toward the historic halls of Mississippi College, for those whose responsibility it is to direct the affairs of the college, that they may wisely administer its affairs and ever strive to make it fulfill its real mission.

East McComb: We had simultaneous B. T. U. study courses for two weeks. Most of the McComb churches took part. The attendance was good. Enrollment from our Training Union was 152 and the total enrolled in the study courses was 268. There was an average attendance of 217 for the five nights. Attendance in the Training Union the next Sunday was 167. Director Joe McCollough is doing a wonderful job.—H. P. Porter, pastor.

Bethann F. Van Ness, (Mrs. Noble Van Ness); B. A. from Wellesley College; writer of children's stories and articles for parents and teachers in religious and educational magazines; writer of publicity in Nashville papers for Y. W. C. since 1940; member of Phi Beta Kappa; mother of junior-age children is the author of *THIS IS MY BIBLE*. It is a study course book for Juniors and is a history of

Tangipahoa Pastor



REV. A. W. TALBERT

MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE AT TANGIPAHOA

Rev. A. W. Talbert is Pastor

The Tangipahoa church, Pike County Association, was organized in 1868 with 10 members by Rev. B. A. Crawford, first pastor, and a charter granted by Secretary of State James Lynch, in 1871. The following have served as pastor: B. A. Crawford, T. J. Everett, G. Bankston, R. N. Crawford, I. Aldmond, J. M. Cook, B. N. Hall, I. H. Anding, T. J. Barksdale, A. F. Davis, B. A. McCullough, J. A. Chapman, J. G. Gilmore, D. L. Young, W. H. Williams, J. H. Lane, E. Gardner, J. H. Page and the present pastor, A. W. Talbert, who came seven years ago.

The deacons are: I. M. Bales, Horace E. Bales, F. M. Reeves, F. J. Bearden,

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

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C. R. Haire, music and educational director at First church, New Albany, has accepted a similar position with the First church, Pascagoula, Dr. L.

the Bible written in a Junior's language and in story form. This book recognizes and provides for the Junior who is just finding his place in his church and needs to look on the Bible as his own prized possession, a gift from God made possible by the hard work, the daring and the devotion of men and women who loved God and saved the Bible for him. Workers with Juniors will find an abundance of materials such as handwork suggestions, story material, and pupil activities in studying this book. The price is 25 cents and orders should be sent to the publishers, The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn., or to the Baptist Book Store.

A Chartered Church



TANGIPHOHA BAPTIST CHURCH
B. E. Wilson, J. W. Caston, C. M. Nunnery.

There have been 275 additions during Brother Talbert's ministry. The present membership is about 400. Several improvements have been made during the past seven years: a new roof on the church, a two-story annex built, electric lights installed and the church painted twice and stained inside. The church has gone from one-fourth to half time and the pastor's salary increased from \$250 to \$900. Gifts to missions have increased from \$100 a year to more than \$800. Each fourth Sunday offering from the Sunday school is designated to the Orphanage.

The following department heads and their co-workers are carrying on the work in a splendid way: F. J. Bearden, superintendent of the Sunday school; Mrs. J. Houston Smith, Training Union director; Mrs. H. N. McKnight, president of W. M. S.; Deacon B. E. Wilson, director of mid-week prayer service, and Mrs. Ruby Dell Wilson, librarian. The church has a registered library. H. K. Barron is church treasurer, J. B. Long, choir leader, and Mrs. J. Y. Long, pianist.

The 84 Baptist Record subscribers on the **EVERY FAMILY** Plan have been a big help to our members and toward the progress of our church.—H. E. Bales, church clerk.

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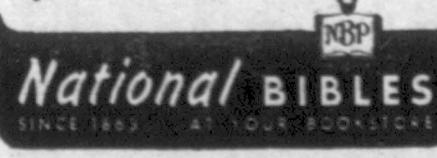
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E. Green, pastor.



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MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

April 9—Mrs. P. C. French, Secretary in Sunday School Department.

April 10—Mrs. George W. Riley, W. M. U. Parliamentarian.

April 11—J. E. Buchanan, Business Manager, Blue Mountain College.

April 12—Rev. O. R. Moseley, Kemper County Convention Board Member.

April 13—Rev. J. E. Willis, Mississippi College Trustee.

April 14—W. H. Anderson, Blue Mountain College Trustee.

April 15—M. P. L. Berry, Board of Missionary Education.

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POLING SAYS 1,000 ADDITIONAL CHAPLAINS URGENTLY NEEDED

Rome—(By Wireless to RNS)—More than a thousand additional chaplains are urgently needed in the various war theaters, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the Christian Endeavor Union, said here. The Philadelphia churchman stopped in Rome en route to the Fifth Army front. He is touring military areas in the double capacity of war correspondent and observer for the American Chief of Chaplains office.

After spending a month with chaplains on the western front, Dr. Poling reported that some divisions there lost over 50 per cent of their chaplains during recent campaigns. There is an urgent need, he said, for 300 replacements in the western sectors and 90 in Italy.

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You will be interested to know that we published ten cloth-bound books last year, and already have scheduled for publication this year twenty-five such books. These were chosen out of around 300 MSS. submitted, so you can very well imagine that we believe each one to be tops in its field.—Don Norman, Director, Moody Press.

Washington, (RNS)—A joint resolution providing that the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas of each year be designated National Bible Reading Period has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Jerry Voorhis (D-Cal.) and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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RIDGECREST CONFERENCES

(Continued from Page One) and stressed the fact that this crisis will almost certainly become more acute during the next several months. It was their decided opinion that the holding of our regular Ridgecrest conferences would add a heavy burden to the transportation facilities in that area.

In recognition of the critical condition of our nation's transportation problem, the necessity for transporting military personnel and materials to meet the demands of the war, and the imperative priority in the transportation of wounded service men, it was the unanimous judgment of all department leaders that we should cancel the conferences planned and announced for the Ridgecrest Assembly for this summer. Our local board members concur in this judgment. The Boys' Camp of course will be continued at Ridgecrest as heretofore.

We believe that our Baptist people wish voluntarily to co-operate in every possible way and to the limit of our ability with our government, to the end that nothing shall be done to delay the successful consummation of the war and the consequent saving of life around the world.

We believe that our people will wish to dedicate themselves afresh to carrying forward the work of Christ through the churches and associations, and to pressing the Evangelistic Crusade, and to laying the foundations for a spiritual awakening that will make us ready for expansion in the postwar era.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Lavon Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Edwinia Robinson
Stewardship—Mrs. J. B. Parker, Ripley, Miss.

Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Jackson

Excerpts From Mission Study Report

"How can you help bring a lasting peace after the war?" Louis Fischer, journalist and student of world affairs especially in Russia and India, repeated the question asked him recently in an address. "Read now everything you can about this war, its causes and progress; the peoples involved, their leaders and what made them so; the lands where they live and how they live; what they read—if they can read—and how new ideas can reach them; what and whom they worship; what ideals they have and where derived; learn how they differ from us but above all else learn how like us they are. Learn now what we have in common with all the peoples of the world, love for home and children—and freedom—yes, even in India! Talk about these things now in your homes, your schools, your churches, your clubs, your study groups—at the Rotary luncheon and the sewing circle! There is where peace will be made. Read, study, discuss—prepare yourselves for that test which is surely coming when you, and I, the people of these United States, must determine the fate of whatever peace our leaders are able to make out of the mess we are in. It may not be the best peace but it will be the best peace our leaders think we will support! In a democracy public opinion makes or breaks a peace and you are that public opinion."

What a challenge to our mission study program! We have ready to hand a channel for helping to make a public opinion that will be intelligent and active for peace—a lasting peace, a Christian peace. With such an opportunity and challenge of present conditions at home and abroad dare we be content with our present reach of mission study? We face certain definite facts. With mission study meaning more today to our women than ever before, it means nothing to those women and young people who never are in a mission study class, never enlisted in a reading circle, know nothing about missionary round tables! So we must have more pioneer classes, we must multiply classes, we must share books in reaching circles as never before.

We must have more study classes. Fifty thousand a year are not enough for over five million people. They must use our books on fundamentals and not less than one home mission book in January and February, one on foreign missions in October and November and a stewardship book sometime during the year. For this last list we have a new title, "Stewardship and the World Mission," by John Simpson.

Emphasis upon circle study leads us naturally to emphasis upon reading circle work, circulating both textbooks and reading books among the women who will not, or cannot, come to study classes, or who will read in addition to attendance upon study classes. Rich choices are yours in our new and most usable book list adopted in Oklahoma City, "The World in Books." (Free from W. M. U. depart-

ment or the Baptist Book Store.) For selection of text-books for classes, for helps for teachers, for background books, for teaching materials, for reading books, for young and old, we have never had a more thoroughly satisfactory tool with which to work. We can literally go around the world in The World in Books.

From these pages may be drawn inspiration even for those who have never studied missions. Unfolding drama is latent in every Baptist man, woman or child whom you may introduce for the first time to the romance of missions.

Louis Fischer said in that memorable address I heard last fall, "When the Christians of the world decide they want peace more than they want possessions or power, we will have peace. Only in Christ and His teachings is there power to achieve this, and to heal the vast and mighty wounds of our bleeding world."

UNA ROBERTS LAWRENCE,
Southwide Chairman.
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Annual Message to Former B. M. C. Students and Friends Concerning Mo Kwong Home for Blind Girls in China

Since our last annual message our dear Mrs. Graves has passed on to the Better Land. On June 19, 1944, her sweet spirit took its flight and it was my sad, sweet privilege to attend the funeral service in Dauphine Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., which was conducted by her pastor, Dr. Arendall, and by Dr. P. H. Anderson of Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, who was for so many years associated with Dr. and Mrs. Graves in the work in Canton, China. As Miss Mary Anderson expressed it, "The service was perfect." Mrs. Graves was beautiful in death—the impress of her gloriously beautiful life seemed left upon her mortal clay. We love to think of the great reward that will be hers at His second coming, the time of the first resurrection. She was tenderly laid away to sleep in peace until that great day.

As latest news from our Mo Kwong Home in China—still refugeeing at Macao—I quote some excerpts from Miss Lora Clement's letter of July, 1944.

"We have always had such a bad record but are glad to say we only have lost one girl by death. She had a case of rapid T. B. We are doing our best to confine this disease to the eight or nine who have it, but it is so difficult to keep girls out of the room. One other was in the hospital for two months with another trouble, and several others under treatment."

What a blessing from the Lord to our blind girls is the Charity Hospital with Christian doctors, and medicine that come from free clinics! James 1:17.

Quoting again: "Miss Lau (head matron in the home) is now recovering from an illness of about six weeks. She ran high fevers every afternoon. When it did not yield to malaria treatment, they thought it was T. B. The

fever left suddenly and fluoroscope (no X-ray) showed no T. B. We are most grateful she is getting O. K.

"I felt justified in giving her \$100.00 for that is just a part of her expenses, and she worked—no salary and half salary for some time—now only getting \$20.00. Many have urged her and me not to live in the home but we cannot but live here in order to do what we must for the school."

May we not pray constantly for God's protecting care and blessing upon these two faithful servants of His? Let us place them and all our "Mo Kwong family" on our prayer list to be remembered daily at a throne of grace.

Miss Clement said: "We hear of efforts made to get us money through Kweilin but so far we have had nothing; but the loss is so great that way it is not advisable to send it. As you see (from the statement she enclosed) the Lord has provided for us most generously.

"The Chinese currency and Hong-Kong are so valueless these days we are waiting until necessity requires us to use it, for it will be valuable later. We fortunately sold garments remade from unsalable woolen garments up to \$200.00.

"A number of personal gifts from Chinese friends, interest from post office funds and \$1,000.00 drawn from government credit funds—Macao notes—helped take care of the expenses through June, 1944, leaving a credit balance of \$157.90 silver or its equivalent in Macao notes—\$3,495.91."

On Sept. 1, 1944, cable was received by Foreign Mission Board from Miss Clement acknowledging receipt of \$500.00 gold from our funds, so "safely through another" period, "God has brought us on our way" and we thank Him and take courage.

As to our "Branch Mo Kwong group" in ShiuHing, communications are entirely cut off for the present, by the advance of the Japanese into that area. We can only pray for God's tender mercy and protection for these, but funds have been placed with the Foreign Mission Board for them and I am assured these funds will go forward as soon as conditions will permit. Remember these, too, in your daily prayers. May God grant that this terrible war will soon be over. May we continue faithful in our interest and gifts to this good work.

In our efforts last year to raise \$2,000.00 for support fund, we again had a deficit but only \$75.00—the smallest deficit we've had in a long time—so we'll just "try again" and if we may go beyond this time, the "over and above" can go to our endowment fund.

It seems urgently needful that we increase our endowment fund as rapidly as possible. When Dr. Maddy was present with us for the organization of our American Mo Kwong Board, on March 19, 1937, his suggestion to your secretary-treasurer was that appeals be made for larger gifts and that this worthy cause be remembered in the wills of many who would rejoice to know their money would serve on in

His Kingdom work after they had gone on to be with the Lord. He said Mo Kwong Home should be enlarged and better equipped, with other building added to the plant, and the work expanded in every possible way to meet the great need in Canton and all South China.

Of course support funds must come first but remember our Whilden-Graves Memorial Mo Kwong endowment fund too, and pray that God will put it into the hearts of many others to do the same.

With our goal for support fund at \$2,000.00 again, and amount raised to date (Feb. 12, 1945) \$725.00 we lack \$1,275.00 of reaching our goal but if gifts come promptly upon receipt of this message, I believe we may reach our goal before the close of the fiscal year, April 1.

May I ask again that you let me know if you know of any one who might be interested in the old English key-winding solid gold watch that has been sent me to sell—proceeds to be given to Mo Kwong Home. I will appreciate your help in locating anyone interested in the collection of antiques. This lady's watch about 100 years old, is about the size of a man's some watch.

With grateful appreciation for all your goodness to this worthy cause.

Most sincerely,
MRS. T. C. LOWREY,
Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer
The American Mo Kwong Board.
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WMS Honors Mrs. Riley

The Woman's Missionary Society of Clinton recently honored one of its faithful and beloved members, Mrs. G. W. Riley. Mrs. Riley has served in the past as president of the Clinton W. M. S., as well as vice-president of the W. M. U. State Convention.

The society voted to start a scholarship fund known as the Riley Scholarship, to be used for aiding ministerial students' wives.

Mrs. Riley has long been interested in this group of women, and it is very fitting that this scholarship be named for her.

The society also contributes monthly to the Patterson Memorial Fund of Mississippi College.

The Lottie Moon offering for Clinton W. M. U. was over \$700 in December.

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Hewitts Commended For Faithfulness

As part of the climactic program on Sunday, March 11, which closed the week of dedication of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, which marked the declaration of the church to the Lord's work debt free, Dr. J. P. Wall at the services read a resolution commending Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hewitt on their faithfulness to the church for the past 27 years.

Text of the resolution:

Character, founded on Christian training, can not be limited or described, for man is not the creature of circumstance, but rather circumstance is the creature of man.

There are certain eternal verities that make a church stand, grow, become the refuge of sin-cursed man and his hope of salvation. Among these are righteousness of its people, walking in humility before God, good-will one to another and a faith that God, who has brought thus far, will carry through to the end. To attain such a goal the church must have a leadership, God-ordained.

For the past twenty-seven years the spiritual leaders of this congregation have been Dr. William Allen Hewitt and his dear wife, Olive Haley Hewitt.

In and out of season they have zestfully done and urged others to do those things that would advance God's Kingdom. They came to the church when its membership was less than one thousand, today, largely through their labors, it numbers over four thousand, being the largest church in Mississippi, exerting a wonderful influence in the moulding of character of thousands who have come under its power and has been the channel through which over three thousand Christians have aligned themselves for service in His cause, and today reaches a golden mile-stone in the dedication of this magnificent temple to the worship of God.

In this period of service to this church, their ministry has been wise of resolution and patient of labor, for they are strong in doctrine, gentle in sympathy, and being blessed with a rare appreciation of human-kind and endowed with an understanding tact, they have carried on God's business with consummate ease and gratifying results.

While they have had great vision, they have not been visionary; though busy in their appointed tasks, they have had time to be courteous; rejoicing in gladness, yet when sorrow casts its pall they have brought the blessed assurance that "all things work together for good to those who love God," and however dark be the night the morning always comes.

They have been loyal to every trust, causing all to know that a beautiful sentiment weighs less than a single lovely act; for in their make-up there is nothing common or mean, living in deeds, not years, exemplifying the teaching that "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." They have stood unflinchingly for right, unmoved by popular urge, they have "kept the even tenor of their way," preaching by precept and example the riches of God's Word, leading a great host from sin-enthralled earth to heaven's freedom and in all they have indeed fulfilled the scriptural admonition of being and "ornament of a meek and quiet spirit," therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, By the First Baptist Church, of Jackson, Mississippi in regular morning service, this the eleventh day of March, 1945, that the foregoing are the sentiments of this congregation, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be furnished The Baptist Record and the local press that all may know in what esteem these servants of God are regarded by those whom they have led these many years.

Respectfully submitted,
D. C. SIMMONS,
PAT H. EAGER, JR.

Mississippians At Southwestern Seminary



Left to right across front: W. E. Speed, Eupora, Miss.; Milton Bryant, Blue Mountain, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rich, West Point, Miss.; Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Warren, Meridian, Miss.; Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Laney, Tupelo, Miss. Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Howell, Hopewell, Miss.; L. L. Campbell, Jackson, Miss. Dr. R. T. Daniel, the club sponsor.

From second row to top of steps:

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Frye, Blue Mountain, Miss.; Joseph Oliver, Duck Hill, Miss.; Rev. and Mrs. Wm. F. Garner, Holcomb, Miss.; Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Williams, Meridian, Miss.; Rev. and Mrs. Allen Webb, Itta Bena, Miss.; Rev. and Mrs. Ivor Clark, Neshoba, Miss.; Rev. and Mrs. Kelva Moore, Newton, Miss.; Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Miller, Columbia, Miss.; Rev. and Mrs. Charles Everitt, Jackson, Miss.; Rev.

and Mrs. Harry Hannah, Sturgis, Miss.

Members of the club who are not pictured are: Mrs. Milton Bryant, Mrs. Joseph Oliver, Earl Waldrup, Greenwood, Miss.; Rev. and Mrs. Tom Parker, Biloxi, Miss.

The following will graduate this year: Rev. and Mrs. Kelva Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rich, Joseph Oliver, Earl Waldrup, Charles Everitt.

A Soldier's Letter A Few Hours Before Sailing

Dear Mother:

I'm sorry I haven't written you more often since being in San Francisco. Sorry I didn't spend more time with you at home. I love you, mother, and I am very grateful for all you have done for me. It may be a long time before you hear from me again, but please don't worry, Mother dear. I'll be all right. I've prayed all the afternoon. I sail at 4 p. m. November 17. The Lord has heard my prayers. He has forgiven me for all my sins so if anything does happen to me, Mother dear, I'll see you in heaven. I know He has a place for you and me where there won't be any parting.—Ensign Clayton H. Carpenter.

Editor's Note: Ensign Carpenter is the son of Mrs. W. B. Carpenter of Hattiesburg.

The Baptist Record has received resolutions commending Rev. W. W. Tipton, who recently came from Fifteenth Street Church, East St. Louis, Ill., to the pastorate at Fernwood. The resolutions are signed by W. A. Ward, Secretary of Pastor's Conference; Paul Weber, Jr., President of Pastor's Conference and Blount F. Davidson, Superintendent of City Missions.

T. M. HEDERMAN, SR.,
SIDNEY SMITH,
J. P. WALL,
Committee.

Hospital YWA Elects Officers

The Grace McBride Y. W. A. of the Baptist Hospital elected the following officers in February: President, Helen Keyes, Laurel; vice-president, Vera Mae Jenkins, McComb; secretary, Robbie Alford, Forest.

A program on the Service Flag adapted from one written by Mrs. J. W. (Bill) Marshall, was presented. As each new officer was given her challenge of service, stars were placed in the form of a cross on the service flag. A gold star in the center bears the testimony to the nurses who have given their lives to the task of winning the world to Christ.—Hattie Mae Wilson, reporter.

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1945, the graduating class will consist of forty-four students.

Student pastors serve 122 churches in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. All students participate in missionary endeavor through the program of the Practical Activities Department, under the supervision of Mr. Fred C. Schatz, assistant to the president.

This enrollment of 275 is the largest for the war period, during which housing facilities have been severely cut. A greatly increased enrollment is anticipated at the conclusion of the war.

ODT PERMITS 31 CHURCH

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Protestant Episcopal diocese of Montana, convention, Livingston, Montana, May 7 to 9.

Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America, Moline, Ill., June 4 to 10.

Evangelical Lutheran Iowa conference, Gowrie, Iowa, April 19 to 23.

General assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, Montreal, N. C., May 24 to 29.

Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod, Illinois conference, Chicago, April 19 to 21.

Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod, Kansas conference, Salina, Kansas, May 9 to 12.

Lutheran Minnesota conference of the Augustana Synod, Minneapolis, April 11 to 15.

Lutheran Augustana Synod New York conference, Erie, Pa., May 2 to 8.

Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod Red River Valley conference, Hallock, Minn., April 26 to 29.

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, Omaha, April 9 to 11.

New Mexico district council, Assemblies of God, Portales, N. M.

Oklahoma convention of the Disciples of Christ, Enid, Okla., May 8 to 11.

Reformed Episcopal church triennium, Chicago, May 23 to 25.

Philadelphia annual conference of the Methodist church, Philadelphia, Pa., March 8 to 12.

Wyoming annual conference of the Methodist church, Scranton, Pa., April 11 to 15.



PRIMARY SPECIALIST

Miss Allen Bryan, Baptist Sunday School Board Primary Specialist will teach Primary Work in the Meridian Better Bible Teaching Week, April 23-27.

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THE BAPTISMAL FORMULA

The lights in the auditorium had all been turned out except the spotlight focused on the pastor as he came down into the baptistry. He faced the waiting audience and made the following statement: "We have quite a number awaiting baptism this evening. All of these have come on profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and have asked baptism at the hands of the church. It now becomes my duty and privilege, as pastor of the church, to baptize each of these in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Then, without saying another word, the pastor turned and immersed the candidates as fast as they were handed down to him by the attendants.

Do you think this statement of the pastor to the assembled audience was all that the occasion required? I think not. Baptism is an individual and personal matter. The time-honored formula should be said over each subject. That formula is surcharged with scriptural significance.

This is the way the old village pastor who baptized this observer did it. He never tried to hurry, no matter how many there were to be immersed, or how large the crowd of witnesses lining the creek banks. When the subject was properly placed, the pastor would lift his face toward heaven, and raise his right hand in benediction, as he feelingly pronounced this full and complete formula:

"In obedience to the command of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and upon your public profession of Him as Savior and Lord, I baptize you, my brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

I hate to see a pastor dare to be different when being different sacrifices any fundamental requirement.

—Observer.

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Paris (By Wireless3—(RNS)—The French National Assembly has voted to withdraw subsidies to private schools initiated by the former Vichy regime. The subsidies, amounting to nearly seven million francs, went mainly to Roman Catholic schools under a law permitting aid to schools unable to continue without help.

Church Bans All Indirect Money-Raising Enterprises

Detroit—(RNS)—Confirming a practice that has been followed since the organization of the church in 1942, the officials and congregation of the Cherry Hill United Presbyterian Church, Dearborn, formally have adopted a policy banning all indirect "money raising" enterprises.

Under the stated policy, the church will seek and receive its financial support solely through direct and voluntary contributions. All forms of indirect fund raising are prohibited, both as regards the church itself and

its present and future sub-organizations, in the belief that "the essential dignity of the Christian church can easily be denied by an unworthy financial program."

In presenting the policy to the congregation for adoption, the officers of the church suggested that money raiser enterprises "tend to hold down the level of regular pledging and giving," and absorb time and energy of the people that "might be turned to more worthy ends."

Editorial Approved

I noticed your editorial last week on "It is Number and Not Page," and I want to say Ay-men to it. With reference to this Ah-men business, I wish you or someone would have something to say about Baptists mimicing Catholics, Episcopalians and other ritualists in putting an Ah-men at the close of the songs and hymns. To my thinking it is as much out of place for New Testament churches to imitate these formalists as it would be for us to follow the Holiness people in shouting "Amen" after every other sentence in a sermon or announcement. Some sing the old hymn "Almost Persuaded" closing out with the words, "Almost, but lost; Amen," as though they were glad the poor sinner is lost.

While I am expressing myself on words and forms, I should like to call attention to an editorial that Dr. Lipsey wrote, some years ago, on closing prayers with the expression "We ask these blessings in Thy name." Unless one is praying to the Lord Jesus instead of to God the Father, such an expression is altogether out of place; and if one is praying to Jesus, it is, of course, out of place to address Him as "Our Heavenly Father." I am sure our Lord made Himself clear in John 16:23—"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you." When we pray to the Lord God in the name of Jesus our Savior, we recognize that the only right we have to approach His throne is through the merit of Jesus transferred to us when we accept Him as our Savior and Lord. Dr. Lipsey called attention to this some years ago in what I thought was a very timely editorial, but still the brethren seem to be praying in the name of God the Father.

I rejoice at the continued increase of the Record's subscription list.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN F. CARTER.

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Young women who are interested in becoming registered nurses would do well to give attention to the advertisement of the Southern Baptist Hospital in this issue. Located in New Orleans, "America's Most Interesting City," this School of Nursing has an affiliation with Tulane University, thus offering an unusual opportunity to its students. Girls are not entered into the Army Cadet Nurse Corps if they enroll at the Southern Baptist Hospital, and are under no obligation to the Federal Government, as the Hospital pays all the expenses of its school, including students' uniforms, textbooks, maintenance and the monthly cash allowance.

THE DELTA PASTOR'S CONFERENCE COMMENDS J. H. PENNEBAKER

The resignation of Reverend J. H. Pennebaker from Webb, Brazile, Friendship No. 2 and Sumner Baptist Churches is regretted by the members of this body. We have been richly blessed by the Christian spirit and good fellowship of this man of God, who has ministered so faithfully in our midst during these several years.

Therefore be it resolved:

That we express our Christian affection for our brother-in-Christ, Reverend J. H. Pennebaker, and his family.

That we deplore our loss of their residence with us, and fellowship in the Lord's work in this section of our state. We regret most sincerely to lose them from Mississippi.

That we commend them most heartily to the Baptists of Jackson, La., and that state and to all who will be blessed by their ministry.

That we shall remember them kindly and pray for their happiness and success on their new field of labor.

DELTA PASTOR'S CONFERENCE,
W. R. Storie, Secretary,
Itta Bena, Miss.

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HERBERT ARMOUR

Resolved, That in behalf of the entire membership of Houlka Baptist Church these resolutions be adopted in tribute to the memory of our late fellow member, Herbert Armour.

By his death we have lost a beloved member whose faithfulness in attending the various services of our church was and shall continue to be an inspiration for all.

It is fitting that we should record Herbert's personal qualities as they were revealed to the members in our contact with him. He was a sterling character. Its genuineness was reflected in his gentlemanly demeanor at all times, his high-minded sense of duty to his church and to his country, his unselfishness, his kindness, and his wholesome good-fellowship.

We tender our deepest sympathies to the beloved ones, and pray God to watch over, protect and guide them and that some day they shall be reunited with their loved one in eternal peace.

Resolved further, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our church, a copy be sent to The Baptist Record and county paper, and that a copy be transmitted to his family.

HOULKA BAPTIST CHURCH

Committee:

Miss Eudie Murff,
Mrs. Ernest Wessels.

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Between one hundred and fifty and two hundred Baptist young men of Mississippi have lost their lives in the present war. Most of them carried a \$10,000.00 insurance policy with the government. These young men were not permitted to live out their normal expectancy in this world. They gave their lives in order that we might continue to enjoy many of the privileges that have been ours in the past. All of us would like to erect a monument to the memory of each of these, that their deeds of valor might long be remembered. One way these young men can be memorialized and continue to serve Christ would be that the beneficiary of these policies place the tithe or \$1,000.00 with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation as a memorial to this son, or husband, or brother. Why not let them live in the service of Christ by investing this money and using the interest from now on to support some worthy institution or agency. You can readily see what it would mean to the cause of Christ, if this were done in the case of every Baptist. If you are interested in this matter and desire further information, please write the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi.

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Father (scolding young son): Johnny, I'm afraid I'll not see you in heaven. Young son: Why, what have you done now, father?—Exchange.

J. H. Wilkinson of Bogue Chitto church, has heeded The Baptist Record toward the 50,000 mark. He recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions.

A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION FOR THE SCALP



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Louisville, Ky.—The annual Pastors Conference at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, March 12-16, was one of the high spots of the year at the seminary, despite restrictions of out-of-town attendance, under ODT regulations. Addresses were given each morning by Dr. Halford E. Luccock, professor of homiletics at Yale University Divinity School, and Dr. John S. Bonnell, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church of New York City, Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Meridian, Miss., preached each night. All of the services were held in the Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

Blue Mountain, Miss., March 29—Miss Sally Diaz, who graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1944, is now a Home Missionary to the Cubans in Tampa, Florida, under the Home Mission Board. She is visiting her alma mater for a few days.

Poplar Springs Church, Calhoun County, L. F. Haire, pastor, is one of the latest Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Churches. Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes, who recently aided in a revival at Poplar Springs sent a list of 33 names.

Mrs. Earl Davis, treasurer of Lake Church, recently sent a list of 42 renewal subscriptions to The Baptist Record. We appreciate the continued cooperation of local church officers who enlist new and renewal subscriptions. Rev. A. A. Jackson is pastor.

Thirty renewals have been received for Union Church, Perry County, from Julius M. Hinton of Beaumont. Lists like this helped us go over the 50,000 mark.

Dr. Ernest H. Cox, dean of Blue Mountain College, has been asked by the American Dialect Society to help collect proverbial sayings from Mississippi for the Dictionary of American Proverbs the society contemplates publishing. Dr. Cox has more than 600 proverbial sayings. They have come from every section of the state. Axioms are being received from old settlers, editors, ministers, schoolmen and people from nearly every walk of life.

The address of Dr. T. D. Brown, pastor, First Church, Hattiesburg, on Christian Education, which he delivered at the 1944 State Convention has been published in pamphlet form by the Baptist Convention Board. It is an outstanding presentation of the subject of Christian Education and should be widely read. Write for a free copy from Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi.

Those who heard him during the stewardship conferences will want to and those who did not hear him should read THE CONFLICT WITHIN MYSELF by Dr. Earle V. Pierce. For many years Dr. Pierce was an eminent and successful pastor in the Northern Baptist Convention. For the past few years he has given himself to evangelism, Bible conferences and the promotion of stewardship. Dr. Curtis Lee Laws says, "These sermons are full of delightful surprises. They lead you from beaten highways up high mountain peaks of holy endeavor and then down into valleys bedecked with the lovely flowers of the common place." Fleming H. Revell Co., are the publishers and orders should be sent to the author at 10 Red Cedar Lane, Minneapolis 10, Minn.

"Inasmuch as salvation is free, it is strange that many persons prefer to work for the wages of sin."—Oakland, Calif., Tribune.

Harpville: Pastor G. W. Smith announces that he has been called to the church of Pelahatchie, and that he has accepted the call, and will begin the work there the first of May. He has resigned work at Harpville and Walnut Grove, Pastor Smith writes, "the good people of these two fields have been more than nice to me and my family. We have enjoyed the work here very much, and the only reason for our leaving is that we feel that our Lord is leading."

Concerning "The Book of Revelation" by William R. Newell, Dr. Will H. Houghton says, "I have read large sections with great interest and profit. As usual, you have put the things in concise teaching form." Whatever your view of the Book of Revelation you will find this book an interesting and sane exposition. The publishers are Grace Publications, 100 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Ill. The price is \$1.50 and orders should be sent to the publishers or to the Baptist Book Store.

SOME "DON'TS" FOR CHURCHGOERS

Don't visit; worship.
Don't hurry away. Speak and be spoken to.

Don't dodge the preacher. Show yourself friendly.

Don't dodge the collection plate. Contribute what you are able.

Don't stop in the end of the pew. Move over.

Don't stare blankly while others sing, read and pray. Join in.

Don't wait for an introduction; introduce yourself.

Don't criticize. Remember to think of your own frailties.

Don't monopolize your hymn book. Be neighborly.

Don't stay away from church because of company; bring them with you.

Don't stay away from church because the church is not perfect. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.—The Scots Observer.

FORGET IT ALL

Forget the words of slander heard,
Forget the harsh, the cruel word;
Forget the strife, the bitter test,
Forget it all, in Him find rest.

Forget the storm of yesteryear,
Forget the rocks, the days so drear;
Forget the clouds you must pass through,
Forget it all, He loveth you.

Forget the foe, the woundings had,
Forget the rain, the weather bad;
Forget the snow, the days so cold,
Forget it all as time grows old.

Remember this, His sovereign grace,
Sufficient is for every place;
O'er every foe with Christ within,
We shall o'ercome, the vict'ry win.

Ernest O. Sellers,
Baptist Bible Institute,
New Orleans, La.

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The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: Rev. S. B. Harrington, Drew; Rev. B. E. Craft, Johnston Station; P. L. Barclift, Vicksburg; Rev. J. D. Walker, Calhoun City.

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"Worthy Sons of Worthy Sires"

How Prove We Are Worthy

Our founding fathers organized the Southern Baptist Convention one hundred years ago out of love and loyalty to their Lord that they might carry out His Great Commission more effectively. His marked favor upon this organization through the years has clearly justified their action. Let us now match their vision with our deeds.

A Worthy Centennial Thank Offering, April 15

Every member of every Southern Baptist Church should show his appreciation and gratitude to God for His manifold blessings upon our organized work during the past century. This he can do most acceptably by making a liberal cash offering April 15, or on the nearest convenient Sunday, to reinforce all our postwar work. The needs are unspeakably urgent. This special offering will be distributed to the different agencies according to the percentages used for Co-operative Program funds.

A Million Dollar Goal

For the special Centennial Thank Offering April 15, a goal of one million dollars from all Southern Baptists has been set. Surely this goal is big enough to challenge every one of us. It can be reached easily if every pastor and every loyal member will do his best. All together! Let's Go!

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1,176 Study Course Awards were issued in February. Not so bad. Twenty-eight associations were represented in the list asking for awards. Hinds-Warren led with 154, Jones was a close second with 142.

Thanks to Pastor W. C. Drummond, Jr., for a good report on the Study Course recently held in the Olive Branch church. One interesting feature was an all-day meeting on Sunday. Four classes were taught, Juniors studied Living for Jesus taught by Miss Fannie Mae Henley; Intermediates studied Not Your Own taught by Mrs. Lamar Robinson; Young People, under the leadership of Pastor Drummond studied More Than Money; and Mrs. W. H. Ballard led the Adults in the study of The Growing Christian.

An interesting letter from Mr. W. R. Burris of Sunflower tells of the work of their Training Union. The work has grown within the past year from a small Junior Union to a Training Union with Story Hour, Junior and Intermediate Unions, and for a while a Young People's Union. Congratulations are certainly in order.

BIG NEWS. The Baptist Record, of which we are justly proud, will have a circulation this week of 50,000. Copies go to all but two states (Montana and North Dakota) in the Union and they go to nine foreign countries. Congratulations to Editor Goodrich and his corps of faithful and efficient co-workers.

Thanks to Miss Elizabeth Boydston for a good word about the Training Union at Shuqualak. They have had only the Junior, Intermediate and Young People's Unions but are adding a Story Hour and Adult Union. Their new pastor, Rev. Joe Abrams, is a good Training Union supporter and will back every program of promotion.

We are encouraged about our associational work as directors continue to complete their organization and send in the lists of officers. A director can multiply his efficiency by being an executive and keeping his officers busy.

LOUISIANA CHURCH PROVES APPRECIATION WITH CHECK

Ernest O. Sellers

"The church organist is the forgotten relative of the church," so says Dr. F. W. Boram. Too few churches (or pastors) express their appreciation of the contributions made by church musicians.

The First Baptist Church, Monroe, Louisiana, has given us a striking example of the appreciation of one church. Both the organist and minister of music were presented sizeable checks as Christmas presents. A bonus? No! But an honest expression of appreciation beyond mere words and regular compensation. A letter sent to the minister of music, Rev. Elliot A. Alexander, from the deacons and other church officials, expressed their satisfaction and approval of his program and work.

The fount of this fine cooperation is to be found in the pastor, Dr. L. T. Hastings. Led by him this church is setting a fine example of how to show its appreciation of its musical leaders. A real church music program at some point ministers to and serves every member of the church. It is not the hobby of a few nor is it a conventional thing which merits slight attention.

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Recently, with the help of Bro. R. R. Darby, Walter Huff, and Miss Louise Hill, the Ora Baptist Church, organized a Training Union and had a B. T. U. study course. The study course was very successful. We had good attendance and as a result about thirty people rededicated their lives to the service of the Lord.—William Miller, Pastor.

Rev. A. A. Jackson has resigned the work at Hillsboro and accepted the pastorate at Lake. He has done a good work and the saints at Lake are to be congratulated.

RESOLUTION REGARDING MRS. LOUIS ASHCROFT

WHEREAS, for the past six years the Calvary Baptist Church of Greenwood, Mississippi, has been blessed in having as our superintendent of the Beginners Department and B. T. U. leader, Mrs. Louise Ashcroft. We know it is the wish and desire of the entire membership that Mrs. Ashcroft might be permitted to remain with us, yet we realize that it is necessary for her to move to Jackson, Mississippi, to make her future home.

During the past six years Mrs. Ashcroft has devoted much time and energy in a quiet unassuming way. Because of her unusual talent and executive ability, skill and tact, she has developed a fine spirit of Christian fellowship and cooperation which will continue to be felt for many years to come. We sincerely appreciate and are grateful to her for the splendid constructive work she has done for the church. We members of this church have been impressed with her deep consecration and devotion to the principles of our church, and by her untiring energy and spirit.

Mrs. Ashcroft's earnest and forceful teaching has inspired us to live better and to do our best for the cause of Christ and His kingdom, and we constantly feel the fine influence of her noble character.

THEREFORE, be it resolved:

That we pray that nothing shall deter her from continuing her wonderful work for our Master and the upbuilding of His kingdom:

That we ask God's richest blessings upon her and her family in their new home and we heartily commend her to the people of that community.

Resolved further that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes and that a copy be given to The Baptist Record and to Mrs. Ashcroft.

The above resolutions were unanimously passed in conference of the Calvary Baptist Church held on March 11, 1945, Greenwood, Mississippi.

J. H. COUCH,
 PAUL MYERS,
 J. L. LARY, JR.,
 Committee.

CLASS PRESIDENTS



Blue Mountain, Miss., March 6—Class presidents at Blue Mountain College, left to right: sophomore, Dorothy Smith, Carthage; freshman,

Jamie Bright, Kingsport, Tennessee; senior, Virginia Frances Lady, Truman, Arkansas; junior, Mary Ann Durham (Ita Bena).

Clergymen To Get Supplemental Gas

(By Religious News Service)

Washington—Work by ministers who are regularly serving congregations and are meeting the needs of the communities in which they serve will be accepted as qualifications for supplemental gasoline rations, according to a new list of activities published by the Office of Price Administration effective immediately.

The OPA pointed out that "volunteer workers wanting supplemental gasoline rations will henceforth have to meet more specific qualifications," adding that hereafter, persons will be eligible for such gasoline only if their work falls within certain categories. The work of ministers regularly serving a congregation is listed along with several other types of work.

Wellman church: We had 61 complete the study courses offered the week of March 5-9. The following taught the books: S. A. Minton, "Growing a Church" for the Adults; Pearly Young, "What We Believe" for the Young People; Miss Nella Dean Mitchell, the "Intermediate Manual," and Mrs. Walter Leggett, "Living for Jesus."—Mrs. L. J. Brister, secretary.

FOR SALE: 9 room house, outbuildings, fruit trees, etc., situated on 2 acres land one block from Blue Mountain College.—Jas. B. Ray.

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 "Waiter, that was a tip-top dinner. You know what that means, don't you?" "Yes, sah. It's one that you tops off with a tip."

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Parkway Sets Record

Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, Dr. W. A. Bell, pastor, Earl Clark, superintendent, set a new record in Sunday school attendance on February 25 with a total present of 564. This topped anything that they had ever done previously in the matter of Sunday school attendance.

When Superintendent Clark gave us this information, we asked him if they observed visitation the week before, and he said they did. Yes, this business of having a regular and definite program of visitation and personal contact for absentees and prospects always pays off for any school. Try it.

New Book

A new book by Mr. J. N. Barnette entitled "The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism" can now be secured from the Jackson Book Store. For this year at least, during our Centennial Crusade, it will be given a diploma credit in group III. It is hoped that a great number of our churches in planning for their April Sunday school training courses will use this splendid new book by Mr. Barnette.

Good Testimony

"We are putting our hearts into the Crusade definitely trying to reach the lost by personal contacts, and the Lord is blessing our efforts," says Ralph Grady, Sunday school superintendent at Union. Their goal for the year is 200 lost people won to Christ. May success crown their efforts.

The S. S. and C. C.

The Sunday school and the Centennial Crusade!

There is no question in the minds of our Baptist people but that our Sunday schools can have—and many of them will have—a great part in the soul-winning program of our Centennial Crusade. That certainly should be. We are listing below several specific items that each Sunday school can and should follow in order to make their work in the Centennial Crusade more effective. They are as follows:

1. A positive, purposeful, prayerful emphasis on soul winning in all meetings—class, department and general.
2. A study course using some one of the fine books on soul winning in the list suggested for this purpose.
3. Talk it, think it, live it, pray it.
4. Know definitely the names and addresses of all the lost people in the community, and distribute these among classes and departments.
5. Seek diligently to reach them for the teaching and preaching services.
6. Personal work—and lots of it.
7. Teach to this end; expect results.
8. Have a Vacation Bible school.
9. Promote a mission Vacation Bible school.
10. Organize a branch Sunday school if at all possible and needed in any section of the community.
11. Feel definitely the obligation and the opportunity offered in such a great and far-reaching program.
12. Pray for divine guidance.

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We were glad to receive a list of 14 names and a check for \$14 a few days ago from Mrs. G. A. Kerr, Jr., for the members of Logtown Church.

Attendance Is It!!

Yes, sir, and we mean just that! Attendance is it! Is what? Is the main thing. The main thing where? Everywhere. In all kinds of meetings and groups—large and small—the attendance is it. That is, attendance is always one major factor in anything where people are involved in groups or crowds.

We attend Rotary meetings and hear them talking about wanting better attendance of their members. We attend Kiwanis meetings and hear them talking about boosting the attendance. We attend Lions meetings and hear them talking about larger attendance. Much is said and written about larger attendance at ball games. In fact, last year the Knoxville, Tennessee, Southern League baseball franchise was transferred to Mobile, Alabama, for lack of attendance in sufficient numbers.

Of course, we attend nearly all kinds of church and religious meetings and hear much about attendance at these. Yes, my friends, attendance is it! It is the thing that all kinds of clubs, associations, organizations, etc., as well as our churches are thinking about, and well we might. Therefore, when you hear pastors, superintendents, directors, teachers, leaders, sponsors, and many other church workers, talking and planning and thinking and working for more people, don't get the idea that it is something peculiar to church work alone, for it most certainly is not. We find it on every hand.

It all adds up to the important fact that unless we get the people to attend—whatever the meeting or organization—they will derive but little, if any, benefit from it. It all depends on attendance and we so well know that in our church life and work. That's why we stress it so much.

Therefore, we need make no apology for lots of talking, much hard work, and a great deal of earnest praying in the interest of getting our people to be regular attendants on the services of the churches. It is an essential if they are going to grow and develop in things spiritual.

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Miss Florida Waite

Clinton Plans Library Course

Miss Florida Waite, secretary of Church Library Service, the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be at the Clinton Baptist Church the week of April 30 to May 4, teaching "The Church Library Manual" as a study course. Theory and practice of library work will be given with the pupils individually processing and preparing new books for use.

Training will be given in classifying, cataloging, marking, painting, repairing, etc. This course will enable one to set up and operate a church library. Also, it will help one in using any library by familiarizing with the "Dewey Decimal System" and the dictionary card catalog.

The Clinton church will provide bed and breakfast for visitors who wish to come and take the course.

Hours will be arranged for the theory and laboratory so that all desiring them can complete the course.

The usual Sunday school study course credit, under Section V, Special Studies, will be awarded.

Miss Waite was formerly associate editor of the "Young People and Adult Magazine."

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Walnut Baptist Church just closed one of its most successful meetings. The preaching was done by Rev. Joe Allmon who is a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. There were 19 profes-

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES
By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.

Called and Accepted

Howard Scarborough, New Providence, Copiah Association, Miss.

Irvin E. Sander, Cumberland Gap, from Frankfort, Ky.

T. L. McConnell, Smithville, Ga., from Providence and Danielsville, Ga.

T. L. Heath, Second, LaGrange, Ga.

W. A. Cockrell, Vidor, Texas.

Malcolm B. Knight, Ocala, Fla., from Bokmart.

John Higton, Belleville, Ala.

James B. Harris, Calvary, Birmingham, Ala.

B. M. Lieuallen, Mt. Olive, Gardendale, Ala.

E. H. Campbell, Homerville, Ga., from Darien.

U. L. Higgins, Ashland, Ala., from Corring, Ark.

J. L. Hill, Beulah, Marshall county, Ala., from Gallant, Ala.

J. G. Jones, Orange, Texas, from Hornbeak, La.

Ralph D. Dodd, Stuttgart, Ark., from Crowley, La.

E. O. Brockman, Atlanta, La., from Dry Prong.

F. Ernest Bray, Vidalia, La., from Leakville, Ark.

Roy Newman, Rome, Ga.

W. A. Brooks, Clifton Forge, Va.

A. A. Staple, Evergreen, Ala., from Laurel, Md.

E. G. Rogers, Seaboard, N. C., from Gretna, Md.

H. E. Pettus, Lake Arthur, La., from Oberlin.

Clyde Hart, Central, Hot Springs, Ark., from Emmanuel, El Dorado.

H. L. Denton, Seminole, Texas, from Tecumseh, Okla.

Kenneth Green, Sardis, Burkeville, Texas.

P. De Young, First, Clifton, Texas.

Wayne O. Perry, Whitharrel, Texas, from Fieldton.

H. C. Hooten, Jennings, La., from Houston Gardens, Texas.

E. W. Marshall, First, Brownsville, Texas.

Thomas D. Dunaway, Fredericksburg, Texas.

Clifford Spencer, Sanderson, Texas.

Curtis Elliston, Martindale, Texas.

E. F. Walker, Harwood, Texas.

Resigned

T. W. Wilson, Grandview, Dothan, Ala.

Hugh L. Hays, Chester, Ga.

W. B. Archer, Laverne, Ala.

David C. Bandy, Westside, Wichita Falls, Texas.

sions of faith. Twelve joined the church by baptism and one by letter.

—Howard Luna, church clerk.

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Name	Gifts to All Causes
1 Hinds-Warren	\$117,302.74
2 Lauderdale	45,974.46
3 Lebanon	38,351.85
4 Deer Creek	35,589.73
5 Jones	32,040.89
6 Pike	26,198.09
7 Lincoln	26,144.78
8 Neshoba	25,428.56
9 Lee	20,702.47
10 Jackson	18,695.59
11 Copiah	16,449.87
12 Scott	15,378.37
13 Sunflower	15,192.33
14 Riverside	15,145.37
15 Mississippi	14,377.09
16 Grenada	14,171.78
17 Columbus	13,928.04
18 Pearl River	13,850.07
19 Winston	13,627.04
20 Leflore	12,289.83
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39 Holmes	7,383.70
40 Attala	7,284.09
41 Tallahatchie	6,932.48
42 Alcorn	6,868.71
43 Yazoo	6,678.00
44 Monroe	5,718.38
45 Oktibbeha County	5,654.39
46 Yalobusha	5,544.47
47 Marshall	5,240.04
48 Jasper	4,746.54
49 Adams-Franklin	4,676.06
50 Lawrence	4,634.11
51 Wayne	4,230.61
52 Smith	4,124.83
53 Noxubee	3,973.47
54 Tate	3,929.01
55 George	3,905.64
56 Lafayette	3,674.45
57 Zion	3,124.51
58 DeSoto	3,039.54
59 Choctaw	3,009.56
60 Prentiss	2,976.04
61 Chickasaw	2,956.32
62 Montgomery	2,627.19
63 Union	2,272.80
64 Benton	2,135.53
65 Tishomingo	2,046.25
66 Greene	1,974.38
67 Perry	1,939.51
68 Carroll	1,826.23
69 Kemper	1,314.02
70 Itawamba	445.14
71 New Choctaw	348.19
72 Liberty	305.84
73 Oktibbeha	67.00
74 Mt. Pisgah	37.30
75 Pearl Valley	7.00

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From the minutes of the Lee County Association we learn the following facts: Total membership 8,061; baptisms 301; revivals held 33; Sunday School enrollment 4,188; gifts to Cooperative Program \$10,764.68; gifts to local expenses \$64,006.28; Training Union enrollment 688; W. M. U. organizations 37.



GERALDINE GIBSON

Blue Mountain, Miss., March 19—Geraldine Gibson, Monticello, Mississippi, who made the first contribution to the Modena Lowrey Berry Memorial in Monticello, and who this month sent a contribution to the Blue Mountain endowment for the William Tynale Lowrey Memorial. The following letter accompanied her contribution:

"I am sending you two dollars on the endowment fund and my picture, too. I am ten years old now and in the fourth grade. I appreciate the pictures you have sent me. I still want to go to school at Blue Mountain."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.
ATTENDANCE
April 1, 1945

	SS	BTU
East McComb	296	112
Parkway, Jackson	540	
Brookhaven	534	82
Tillatoba, Yalobusha	31	
Summit	94	
Louisville	448	
Agricola	88	
Rocky Creek, George Co.	105	24
Hapzibah, Jeff Davis Co.	60	
Fifth Ave., Hattiesburg	445	102
Crystal Springs	398	91
Ackerman	122	
Friendship, Pike Co.	123	102
New Albany	396	94
Griffith Memorial, Jackson	581	226
Hopewell, Copiah Co.	43	
Calvary, Jackson	1,157	192
West Laurel	506	78
First, Jackson	1,164	234
Northside, Jackson	160	46
Oldtown, Calhoun Co.	117	
First, Laurel	634	
West Point	507	100
Cross Roads, Webster Co.	42	
Houkka, Chickasaw Co.	80	19
Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg	167	97

March 25

Harrisburg, Lee County	172	41
Houkka, Chickasaw Co.	90	29
Tillatoba, Yalobusha Co.	27	
Bejehl, Rankin Co.	33	41
Fifth Ave., Hattiesburg	461	106
Weir	82	48

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A LETTER FROM A FOXHOLE

Somewhere in France
Sunday

Dearest Dad:

Up until now I am O. K., but am scared so I can hardly write. For I am in a foxhole, and praying to God to take care of me. If a guy was here and said he wasn't scared, he would be either a liar or a fool. Boy, I prayed last night like I had never prayed before. For we were getting mortar shells all around us. I am

Governor Proclaims
S. S. Week

"Sunday school training is necessary to Christian development," is the message that newspapers are printing in advertisements which are seeking to promote the month of April as "Church Emphasis Week" and Sunday, April 8, as a day for emphasis on the Sunday school.

By formal proclamation of Gov. Thomas L. Bailey the week of April 9-15 is to be known as National Sunday School Week and the month of April as "Church Emphasis Month."

The church member seeking to develop his own Sunday school can well use this period of special emphasis to invite people to "Come to Sunday School." If every member of every church in Mississippi went to Sunday school next Sunday the churches could not hold them. Yet this should be the custom.

Church members who are interested in promoting their own Sunday school can use this week's emphasis to thank the newspaper editor for printing news of the Sunday school's activities and for printing these advertisements.

Many weekly newspapers in Mississippi are cooperating with this program which is being promoted by the Rural Church Committee of the Mississippi Rural Life Council. If your newspaper editor is not printing these ads, your one word of encouragement and support is all that is needed to get his help.

Rear Admiral Reginald R. Belknap, chairman of the Laymen's National Committee of New York City, the organization which is seeking to promote Sunday School Week says: "As a naval officer, I had many opportunities to witness the influence of the church on men in the service. I am convinced that the proper development of Sunday school attendance and programs will go a long way toward eliminating the scourge of juvenile delinquency."

Governor Thomas L. Bailey, in the formal proclamation, said: "I am hereby calling upon my fellow Mississippians to observe these days in the proper spirit and to give their fullest cooperation to the efforts being made to teach the Christian way of life in church and Sunday school and to bring a permanent and lasting peace to the world and security to our own democracy."

hoping and praying God will take care of me.

Dad, I can remember some of the things you told me now. You know, when I was home on furlough and you said remember this when you are on the battlefield. Boy, it's plenty tough over here! If I were only home I could tell you a lot of things—some of them you wouldn't believe.

People in the U. S. A. don't know what war means. It's terrible. You don't know from one minute to the next whether you will be alive or not.

It rains every day over here, and it's the stickiest mud you ever saw. We are wet all the time, and part of the time hungry.

Dad, if you hear anyone griping about anything, tell them they are lucky to be in the U. S. A. Maybe I will be home for Christmas in '45.

BUDDY.

—Now.



(Answers on Page Fifteen)

1. "The king's mowings," as mentioned in Amos 7:1, were given as a tribute to Jeroboam, King of Israel for feeding the royal horses. In our modern day, there is a parallel to this. What is it?

2. Can you name an aged woman who went to the temple daily, and describe the prophecy which she proclaimed in connection with the infant Christ?

3. When you go to your favorite drug store to be served a cooling glass of soda water, which you drink through a straw, would you say it is a modern practice, or an ancient one?

4. The word "Shema" mentioned in Nehemiah 8:4, comes from the Hebrew, and means "hear." If you were asked to translate the passage, read by Nehemiah, into English, how would it read?

SOUTHWEST MINISTERS
MEET AT MCCOMB

The Southwest Mississippi Baptist Ministers' Conference was held at Central Baptist Church, McComb, on Monday, March 12.

There was a large representation of churches in this district and a highly inspirational program was presented. About 50 preachers were present, the only lay attendant being C. S. Lumley.

After a sermon by Rev. W. A. Elliott, of Pricedale, in which he most ably and gloriously magnified Christ, Rev. James Sullivan of Brookhaven outlined "his conception" of the subject, "Budgeting Our Time." The speaker outlined a program that should make any minister or layman truly an effectual soul winner.

Following the critic's report by Rev. P. S. Rodgefs, Tylertown, a brief business session followed, and then Dr. W. A. Sullivan, Natchez, spoke on "The Need for Indoctrination."

Dr. Sullivan's outline of Baptist belief, and the source was of such magnitude, that following a delightful oyster dinner prepared by ladies of Central church, by unanimous consent the speaker was requested, and consented to having his message prepared in tract form that it may be proclaimed all over the state.

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NAZIS BAR REFERENCE TO
SAVIOR IN OBITUARIES

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—Death notices of German soldiers killed in the war must conform to Nazi party formulas, Berlin residents have been warned by the ministry of propaganda. The warning was issued when families of deceased soldiers asked the Volkischer Beobachter to insert announcements containing the phrase, "He died trusting in the Lord our Savior."

The propaganda ministry ruled that obituaries must read: "He gave his life for Fuehrer, people, and country," and threatened that individuals who persisted in using other phrases will be dealt with by the Gestapo.

BR
Miss Cana McKee has organized a Training Union in the church at Crenshaw.—Reporter.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson For April 8

THE BOOK OF FAITH--Psalm 145; Proverbs 2:1-9; II Corinthians 3:1-8; II Peter 1:21.

Introduction. The passages assigned for study develop the theme of the excellence of God's Word as a guide to men in their living the life well pleasing to Him. These passages will richly repay the effort of people who read them with soul yielded to God. He may find out the hidden capacities for worship and praise that lie dormant in so many a heart. No one of us knows how great the joy he may find in his communion with the Lord, nor shall know except he shall yield himself to the Spirit that He may search out the depths of the heart where capacities for praise and adoration and communion lie dormant in the soul. The exhortation is to employ all diligence that we may give the Spirit of the living God a chance to find out the riches which lie undiscovered and unsuspected in our hearts. Let us read all the passage but we shall have to confine our treatment in this article to the first of them.

I. The Glory Of The Kingdom

This is the glory of the Kingdom of God as seen in the praise of it. Who and What Utters Praise.

"Earth with her thousand voices praises God." "All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea." That is not poetry simply, that is sober fact. The works of God praise Him, not only, but they furnish the same man with matter for constant praise. As the tragedy of Hamlet praises its author and the Venus de Milo praises its sculptor and Il Trovatore praises its composer and the Temple of Solomon praises its builder, so the works of God all praise their divine Maker. Of all His wondrous works, His saints, the creatures of His grace, the sheep of His pasture, the children of His household, have reason to praise Him with their lips and lives, and do afford a theme of praise to all the spiritual intelligencies everywhere.

II. The Object of This Praise.

"They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom." The Kingdom of God among men! What a theme! Among men ruined by the fall, and helplessly alienated from God, and hopeless in their alienation, the Kingdom of God has come and exalted His name as King Eternal of all who give their lives in allegiance to Him, and the decrease of the Kingdom. Out of the ranks of furious rebels the Grace of God has chosen and constrained a host into loving service of Himself, and this attitude of loving service, of sincere loyalty to the King makes the erstwhile rebels citizens by Divine Right of the Kingdom of the Most High. Notice the characteristics of the Kingdom.

(a) The glory of it. How poor in comparison the glory of all earthly kingdoms! Perpetual in its duration. The Kingdom of Babylon is a grass-grown mound, the kingdom of the Aztecs is a blood-soaked stone, the kingdom of Sardis is an age-corroded hill, the kingdom of Egypt is a rusty hinge on the fallen post of a gate that

once opened into graveyard where reposed the mummified remains of ancient Egyptian royalty. But the glory of His Kingdom abides beyond the burning of night's brilliant candles, and the light of its glory shines above the brightness of the noon-day sun. The man who finds citizenship in this kingdom unites himself in a vital relationship with one thing that shall outlast all time.

(b) The goodness of it. Grace and mercy distinguished Him and His Kingdom. He provides for all His creatures. "Thou openest thy hand and satisfieth the desire of every living thing." See how easy it is for our King to give us what He will? "Thou openest Thy hand," that's all!

(c) Righteousness. "In all His ways." We sometimes want things so earnestly that we grow to believe that what we want is right, no matter what the Lord may think, and that His disposition must be in line with our desire, or it is not quite right. Let us be sure that He is right, always.

(d) Holiness. "Holy in all His works." No taint of evil about anything of His, no soil of corruption anywhere!

(e) Nearness. "Unto all them that call upon Him." When you are glad or sad, in joy or in deepest sorrow, "Seak to Him, thou, for He heareth."

(f) Salvation. "He . . . will save." Save from all loss and from lures of the devil, from all anxiety and worry, all threat of hell in a hapless hereafter.

(g) Love "preserveth all them that love Him," and their love answering to His is why.

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The church building at Sabougla was destroyed by wind on Sunday afternoon, March 25. Rev. J. D. Walker of Calhoun City is the pastor. Plans are being made to rebuild.

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Lexington, Ky.—(RNS)—The new "school bus act" passed by the Kentucky legislature in 1944, which allows counties to provide public transportation facilities for students attending private, sectarian and parochial schools, has been declared unconstitutional by Fayette Circuit Judge Chester D. Adams.



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Sunday School Leaders



Blue Mountain, Miss., March 15—Sunday school leaders at Blue Mountain College. Front row, right, Helen Gay Moody, Laurel, superintendent of the college Sunday school department, and Miss Lucy Carlton Wilds, secretary. Sunday school class presidents in the back row are, left to right, Sara Neely, Charleston; Clarissa Lassiter, Miami, Fla.; Joyce Hall, Meridian; Lillian Leavell, Tampa, Fla.

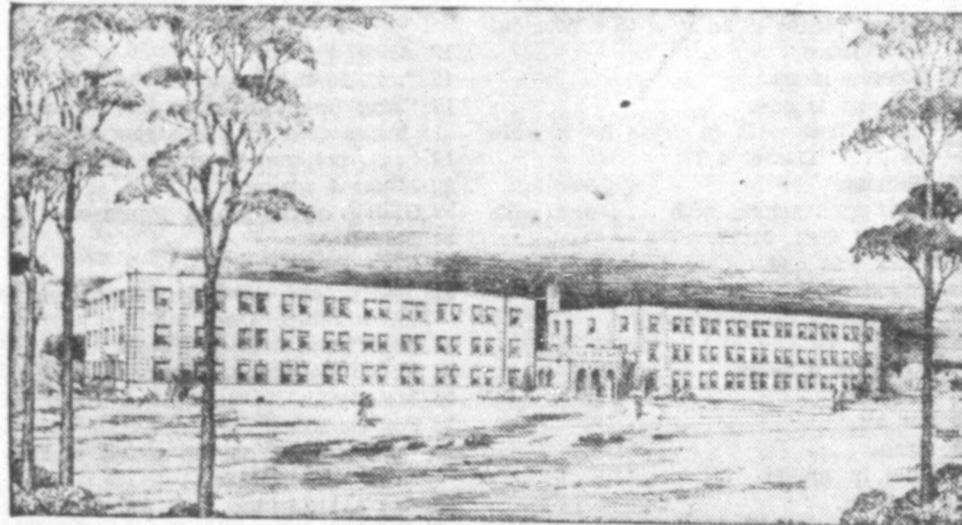
From a service man in Iran comes a hospital offering, also one for his "Buddy." From the South Pacific Area an offering of several dollars comes from a service man and his "Buddy." He adds, "Just as I was about to drop this letter in the mail an officer handed me a dollar saying 'Drop this in the Buddy envelope.'" These were also hospital offerings.

Another hospital offering comes from the Admiralty Islands. This offering consists of several dollars. The donor also included several dollars for Blue Mountain College.

Rev. A. A. Jackson, who recently resigned at Clifton to go to Lake began his work with a revival meeting. There were 13 additions and many rededications. The pastorum is being remodeled even to the building of a birddog pen.

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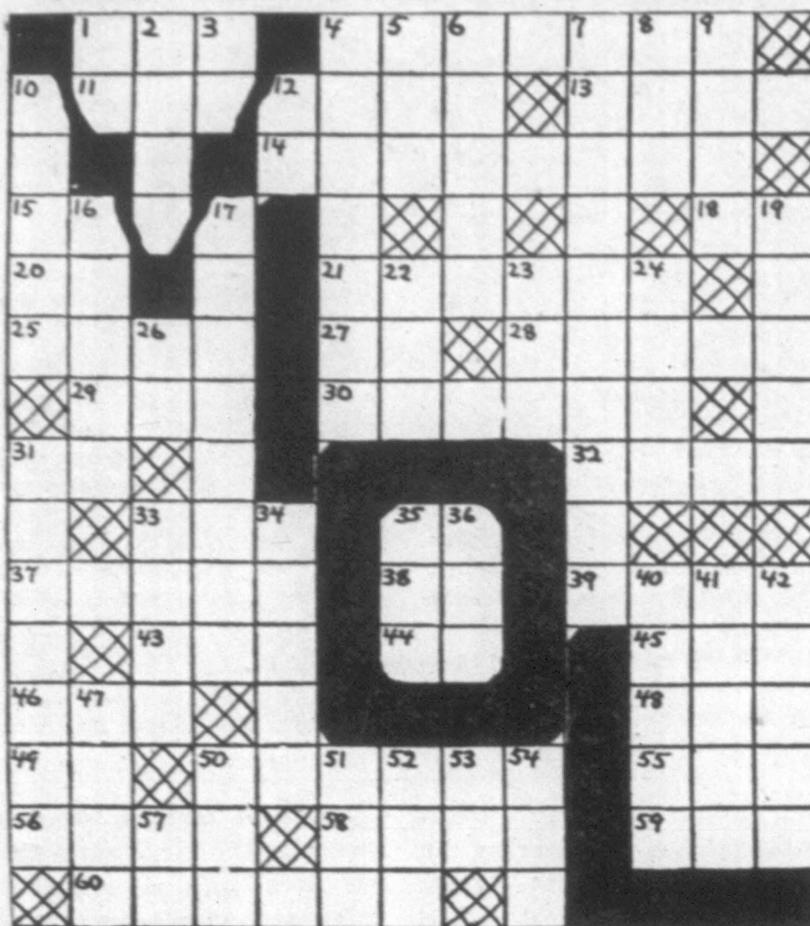
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"Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King."—Ps. 98:5, 6.

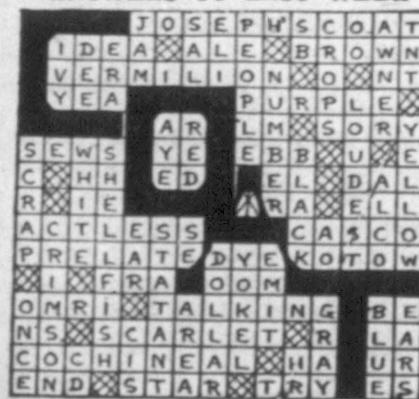
MAKERS OF MUSIC
ACROSS

- 1 Eggs.
- 4 Miriam had a . . . when she sang her song of triumph, Ex. 15:20.
- 12 Metal.
- 12 Part of a shaft.
- 13 Typical sand snakes.
- 14 Musical instrument, Dan. 3:10.
- 15 Before Christ.
- 18 An altar, Josh. 22:34.
- 20 Exclamation.
- 21 Lyrical pieces to be sung to a musical instrument.
- 25 Tibetan monk.
- 27 Romans is one.
- 28 "those that walk in pride he is able to . . ." Daniel 4:37.
- 29 Nothing.
- 30 "and with songs, with . . . and with harp," Gen. 31:27.
- 31 Mark was one.
- 32 Rustic pipe.
- 33 Babylonian deity (var.).
- 35 Since.
- 37 String of a harp.
- 38 Pronoun.
- 39 Put off.
- 43 Grain.
- 44 Note in music.
- 45 Religion.
- 46 A religion of Tibet; good.
- 48 Antelope.
- 49 Old note in music.
- 50 Dress goods.
- 55 "his strange . . ." Isa. 28:21.
- 56 Measure of music.
- 58 "David took an . . . and played with his hand," I Sam. 16:23.
- 59 Born.
- 60 "With trumpets and sound of . . . make a joyful noise," Ps. 98:6.

DOWN

- 1 Part of the Bible.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK



THE BAPTIST RECORD

Centennial Offering
Explained

J. E. Dillard

What is it? The Centennial Thank Offering is a special cash offering celebrating the centennial of the Southern Baptist Convention expressing our love and gratitude to God for His blessings upon our denomination through a century.

What Is It For? The money is to be used for postwar work of our denomination. The need is great. For example, Secretary R. T. Rankin says, "The physical equipment of fully half the work of the Foreign Mission Board has been destroyed."

When and Where to Be Taken? This offering should be taken on April 15 or nearest convenient Sunday. It should be stressed in every service and every organization and all offerings that day, except the regular church offering, should be included.

The Goal: It is hoped to realize \$1,000,000 for Southwide postwar work in addition to the amounts to be used for state postwar work.

How Divided? All receipts will be divided according to the Co-operative Program percentages unless otherwise designated by the donors.

Will This Hurt the Co-operative Program? It ought not, need not, will not if properly presented. It is a special Centennial Thank Offering coming only once in a hundred years; it is a special expression of gratitude and is to meet a special need. It is like a birthday love gift, or response to a cry of distress, except that this is a Centennial gift. Since it is to be distributed according to Co-operative Program percentages, it ought to emphasize and help the Program.

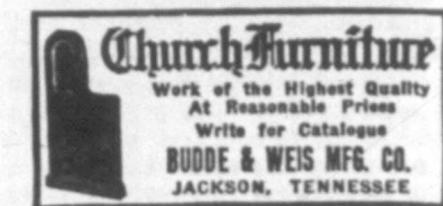
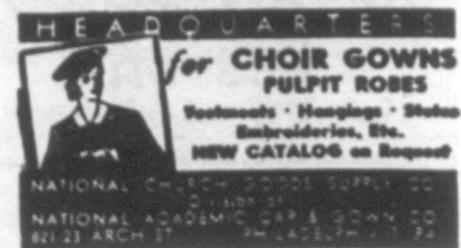
How Succeed? Pray, plan, publicize, press. Adopt a worthy church goal; break goal up for departments, classes, and organizations; announce offering at least two weeks in advance. Give all offerings that day except regular church offering. Add the amount the church had expected to give pastor for Convention expenses; add any other funds possible so as to make this the greatest one day cash offering in our history.

Send offerings properly marked to your state secretary-treasurer.

Crowning a Century For Christ

(Editor's Note: June is the Centennial Offering month for Mississippi, according to action of the Executive Committee. But churches wishing to do so may take the offering in April or any other convenient time. But take it.

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Alice Bell Leads Indian Women

Alice Bell, Philadelphia, president of Choctaw Indian Baptist W. M. U. and Bible teacher for the association, writes of her work: "I am glad now more than ever that I have learned more about God's Word than I knew when I first joined the church. I joined the church on the first Sunday in August 1919 and was baptized on August 8, 1919, at the age of 16, at the close of the revival meeting.

"In 1920, Mrs. P. C. Barnett, wife of Rev. P. C. Barnett, then pastor of Standing Pine Baptist Church, organized the first Choctaw women's work. It was called the Ladies' Aid Society for the Choctaw Indian people at Hopewell Baptist Church in Leake county. No one had ever heard of this kind of work before. There were just a few members and Mrs. Barnett appointed Alice Bell the main officer, which she called the president.

"Since then they have helped to organize other community churches and have changed the name now to Woman's Missionary Union. Seven of the Indian churches have this work and we have been organized into the Baptist Women's Missionary Association.

"Our association appointed me Bible teacher for our adult women," writes Mrs. Bell, "I am not an educated person, but I have had this for three years. Our women are very interested. The older ones, who cannot read or write, pay close attention to my reading, both from the English and our Choctaw Indian Testament.

"So many times I feel sorry I could not finish my work on account of ill health. But I love my work and am glad to read and explain the Bible as best I can to others.

"We read the chapters selected for reading between Thanksgiving and Christmas. I copied some of the verses and sent them out to our local W. M. U. president. 'The Lord has accepted everything that we do well, and when we do wrong, sin lieth at the door.' (Genesis 4:7.)

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Churches Not On Priority List For Surplus Property

Washington—(RNS)—Church-supported colleges and other non-profit educational institutions are on the priority list to get surplus property, but churches have not yet been included among the groups that do get priorities, the Surplus Property Board said here.

In a press release, the SPB pointed out that "time priorities shall be given to states, local governments, tax-supported and non-profit institutions for the purchase of surplus property," but inquiry revealed that churches were not included in the "non-profit" institutions category.

Chaplain Robert D. Workman Designated "Chief Of Chaplains" And Appointed To The Rank Of Rear Admiral

The navy department has announced that Chaplain Robert D. Workman, who has served as a navy chaplain the past 30 years and as director of the chaplains' division since 1937, has been designated "Chief of Chaplains" of the U. S. Navy and appointed to the rank of rear admiral.

The new title was established by Congress last December in a bill which provides that until the termination of the present wars one officer of the rank of rear admiral in the Chaplain Corps shall be designated as Chief of Chaplains. The Senate on March 2 confirmed his nomination.

Chaplain Workman was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian USA Church on April 13, 1915, following completion of the required course of

study at the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, and Princeton, New Jersey, Theological Seminary. He entered the naval chaplaincy in May, 1915, and has been on active duty as a member of the Chaplains Corps of the U. S. Navy since that time. Prior to his enrollment at the College of Wooster, Chaplain Workman served as an enlisted man in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1905 to 1909. He has served aboard eight warships and at nine naval activities within the continental limits and at the Cavite Naval Base, Philippine Islands. During World War I, he was on duty aboard USS Florida, one of the battleships of the U. S. Atlantic fleet which operated with the British Grand fleet from Scapa Flow, Scotland.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. LOLLIE LOVE MADISON

"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day," II Tim. 1:12b, is a verse she loved and may be the secret of the strength and beauty of her life. She had faith, the unfeigned faith of II Tim. 1:5. There was no fear instead there was love and power and a sound mind. She was conscious of the attainment of her life's goal and could, with assurance say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day," II Tim. 4:7, 8a.

To many of us who knew her intimately and loved her deeply, there are other scriptures that are more nearly full of meaning because of her. "Whosoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Eccl. 9:10a. In both mind and body she lived mightily. Her hands were never idle. Years and the "ills flesh is heir too" may have weakened her body but her mind and spirit were as strong and indomitable as they were in youth. Her mind and her hands were always used mightily; used through church channels; used in training and providing for her children; used in counseling and showing kindnesses to friends, but always for one ultimate purpose—that she might glorify God.

"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed." Prov. 31:27, 28a. To her children she was ever an inspiration, always a wise counsellor, yet patient and sympathetic and understanding. Perhaps no mother ever received from sons and daughters deeper love and more tender care than that given her, not only unstintingly but also lavishly, especially during the months of waning strength. May their days be long upon the land which the Lord their God giveth them.

When the final "summons" came at seven in the evening of March 9, she had so lived that truly "she was sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust" and "drew the draperies of her couch about her and lay down to pleasant dreams."

In thinking of this Christian life, great in length and in strength, we are reminded how beautiful age can be and we wonder if another such "Mother in Israel" may not have been the inspiration of this poem:

"O Beauty of Age, thy wonderful years Are cheers, not tears, are joys, not fears. Thou showest us glory; Life's mystery clears In the faith that endures and the love that endears."

—A Friend.

Know Your Bible Answers

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parallel of our modern day is found in the Scottish system of tithing, which provided for each clergyman the right to each tenth sheaf of grain from every field in his parish. (Today, many parishes pay their ministers in money, and not in grain.)

2. (Aged woman who proclaimed the infant Christ, etc.): Her name was Anna, from the Greek Hannah, meaning grace. She became a widow, after her marriage and at the age of 84, went daily to the temple, and when the infant Jesus was brought in for dedication, she prophesied him as the Messiah.

3. (Ancient practice of use of a straw): The widow's cruse was an earthenware vessel, with an opening the size of a straw, and, like our present day straws, the contents were drunk (as we do today) by suction.

4. ("Shema" and English translation): "Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (In the Hebrew it reads: Shema, yisrael, Adonai, Eloheinu, Adonai echad.) This Hebrew passage, "Shema," etc., is repeated each morning and evening by, and among the Jewish people.

Columnist Tells How Others See Baptists

IS IT BECAUSE THEY DUNK 'EM IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Capt. Tom L. Gibson

Went to the Baptist church the other Sunday evening. It was jammed to overflowing. When I came up the steps there were two of those Baptists to shake hands with me and when I went on the inside there were a couple more. They just made me feel like I was really appreciated there.

The parson gave us a good sermon on how well Boaz greeted the new girl Ruth, when she came to his town, and suggested that we look after the strangers in our midst. It was a sermon that we could all use in our daily life. (However, my wife told me she did not what me "Boazzing" around.)

As I looked over that congregation of all ages and all kinds of people that filled every pew, I wondered what it was the Baptists have that we Presbyterians don't have. On Sunday night we file into church not quite a hundred strong, and Parson Mounts always preaches a good sermon (no one preaches a better sermon anywhere than he does), we have a few songs that a few people sing and we conduct ourselves just as we want to and it is always done in a staid way. We enjoy that kind of service and are all certainly helped to fight the battles of the coming week. But those Baptists have something we don't have. I am wondering if it is because they "dunk" their members while we just sprinkle them a little. I don't know what it is but I do know they have about five times as many at church as we do on a Sunday night and I think we should send Flo Fleming, Shade Steel and a few of our deacons over there and let them study the Baptist methods. They are good and produce results.—Clarksdale Register.

A CHAPLAIN LOOKS AT STRIKES

By Chaplain Roy O. McClain

The discovery of German plans to sabotage America's war efforts in many of our cities brought decisive pressure to bear on fifth column activities. Yet, every day the strikers in our war plants and vital industries constitute an even more serious threat to peace and security. I think my attitude—in some measure—is representative of the average soldier's attitude toward his worst friend: the striker!

The average soldier has been told to discount abstractions—to see through the mist and discover the frank, real meaning of things. Yet he is pumped with pious platitudes about equality, fairness, equal rights and social justice. When something is basically wrong in the armed forces, we are taught to discover the cause and remove it. Why can't the same rule apply in civilian circles? America is too big to be little enough to stoop to a double standard for her sons! One way for a G. I. and another way for a striker—one standard for olive drab and the opposite for plaids. Men in uniform so often ask, "Why does a government so strong in regimentation within its armed forces remain helpless in the wake of strikers? Is government more concerned over back-slapping big-wig strikers in order to maintain their support, than it is in the well-being of John Q. Serviceman, Pfc?"

The contrast is pretty raw, Mister, but tragically true: the striker is bothered by tearing out his red coupons; the soldier sometimes has to rip out his red corpuscles; the striker—"portal to portal pay"; the soldier—porthole to palm-tree death; the striker—beauty rest, french fries, steam heat; the G. I. mud holes, K. ration, blood and sweat; for one—twenty minutes wait for a theatre seat; the other—days of waiting in a fever-ridden jungle; the striker—to do what he will; the service man to do what he must!

If one-tenth of the money, time and energy spent on strike arbitration had been put into bullets, bombs, and bayonets, perhaps that kid who lives next door, along with tens of thousands of his pals would be exchanging their foxholes for firesides—months before they will.

I covet for every striker, who no longer hears the shriek of the whistle in his factory because he has let the steam go down, to come with me aboard a hospital ship and hear another kind of shriek—the shriek of wretched, wounded men—men, yes, not boys—for that boyish glow of eager youthfulness is replaced by hard, prematurely aged lines—lines that look like the contours of Cassino, Tunisia, Nettuno, Kwajalein, Arawa! Look at them: basket bodies, sightless eyes, dangling stumps, plastic parts—a pitiful sight indeed. But this isn't the worst—listen to those discordant murmurs—they're not crying for fifty cents an hour raise, in fact, I don't think they will ever.

Sometime in the future—God grant how soon—the bands will start playing, the church bells will ring, and people will start singing as the boys come marching home. But, in the midst of a thoughtless whirligig, the crescendo of agony and death, too soon, will be forgotten. And those who did not share in this ordeal will reap equally with those who paid so much. The soldier and the striker: one fought—the other fumed! This is the crucial tragedy of gross in-

SOME BAPTIST FACTS

The first modern missionary was William Carey, a Baptist. The first foreign missionary from America was Adoniram Judson, who became a Baptist on his way to India. He sailed in 1812.

The first churches organized in India, Burma, and China were Baptist churches.

The first complete Bible for the Chinese was printed on a Baptist press.

The first translations of the Bible into foreign languages were Baptist, and we have translated it into more than any other.

The first foreign missionary society ever organized was a Baptist foreign missionary society in England in 1792 at Kettering, England.

The British and Foreign Bible Society was founded by John Hughes, a Baptist.

Vassar College, the first institution of higher learning for women, was founded by a Baptist, N. J. Jewett, with money furnished by Matthew Vassar, a Baptist.

The first two presidents of Harvard College were Baptists—Henry Dunster and Charles Chauncy.

Brown University, founded by the Baptists in 1764, was the first college of the world to make liberal provision for "full, free, absolute, uninterrupted liberty of conscience."

In his "History of the Free Churches of England," Skeats, who was not a Baptist, said: "It is the singular and distinguished honor of Baptists to have repudiated, from their earlier history, all coercive power over the consciences and actions of men with reference to religion. They were the proto-evangelists of the voluntary principle."—Bulletin, First Baptist Church, Knoxville.

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Baptists will not agree with all the author says in "The Christian Sacraments," but people need to know both sides of a question. The author is Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, for 31 years pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is an outstanding scholar, lecturer and author. And he is fair. He frankly states the Baptist belief even if he doesn't agree with it. Chapter headings are: Our Sacramental World, The Christian Sacraments, Baptism in the New Testament, The Sacrament of Christian Baptism, Who Are to Be Baptized?, The Administration of Baptism, The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, The Celebration of Holy Communion, Special Communion Services, The Service Preparatory to the Communion, The First Communion, Preaching on the Sacraments, Is InterCommunion Possible? This book is published by the Westminster Press, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7, Pa., and sells for \$2.00. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

justice.

I entered the army conscientiously as a chaplain along with three brothers. Whether or not I live through the war is of little consequence. But, if I have to pay with my life, I, along with any other G. I., would like to die knowing that we were paying the supreme price for a society in which social justice, honor, and integrity took precedence over graft, greed, and gluttony!—The Baptist Courier.

COWARDS

There was a time in my life that I would have resented having someone call me a coward no matter how cowardly I had acted. Pride caused me to have many difficulties; for my playmates in school knew that all that was necessary to start a fight was to tell me I was a coward if I allowed a certain boy to talk to me in such and such a manner (they had first told the other boy what to say to me), and rather than be called a coward, I would fight to a bitter finish. Those days are now passed, and I often call myself a coward, because I find myself shirking a duty because I am afraid that some one will oppose me, and I will have to fight to accomplish the thing that I know should be accomplished. A soul is lost and I know that it is my duty to speak to him about his condition but for fear that he will think I am "butting in where I have no business," I let him alone and he passes out into the great beyond unprepared to meet God. I was afraid of that man, but now I must face God who told me to speak to him. How dreadful the thought! I see the members of my church going to the picture shows to view scenes that I was taught to consider immoral, yea obscene, but I hesitate to speak against it for fear of being called old-fashioned and "fogie." (The truth is, I am afraid I will lose my job to a preacher that is "more considerate.")

Afraid of the members of the church; yet I know I must stand before the Great Head of the church, even the One who commissioned me to preach, and give an account of the way I preach. Why should I be so cowardly? I cannot understand it myself. I know that man can kill the body, but that is not the thing I dread. My life has been threatened time and again. I didn't let it worry me. My good name has been dragged in the dust, but I fought and regained my standing among my fellows. Then why should I fear to speak to a soul about his eternal welfare? or condemn a sin that I know is ruining the lives and destroying the character of so many people? Can someone who knows, who can speak from personal experience, tell me why I am such a coward? If you can, please do so; but tell me also how to overcome this cowardice. Now I have been calling myself a coward, yet I would resent being called the same by another. Isn't man a peculiar animal anyway? Are you a coward?

The young Christian knows it is wrong for him to drink strong drink, but being afraid to differ with his associates he consents to "drink moderately," only to find that soon moderation gives way to excess, and he becomes a drunkard. A Sunday school teacher knew that it was wrong to attend the modern dance, but rather than take issue with others who said there was "no harm in it," she began going to dances and taking active part in them. Now her influence is gone as well as her interest in the work she once enjoyed so much.

Several years ago a young preacher, whom I was interested in, attended a dance with a family, with whom he was boarding. Though he had been admired by the young people of the community, immediately they began to criticize him. I talked to him about the evil influence he was wielding and he agreed that he was wrong, and so far as I know he never did it again. He now is a successful pastor in Mississippi. It would not have been healthy for me to have told that

SHIPS WITHOUT CHAPLAINS GET KITS CONTAINING SUNDAY SERVICES

San Francisco—(RNS)—Small kits of non-secretarian church programs, each one containing subject matter for 25 Sunday services, are being distributed to ships in this area which have no chaplains on board, Captain R. W. Truitt, Twelfth Naval District chaplain, announced here.

"Because of the shortage of chaplains and the reluctance of capable ministers to enter the navy it has been necessary to call upon other officers in the navy to conduct services," Capt. Truitt said. "Because the increasing number of requests from laymen officers for religious materials a kit of this type has become a necessity."

The package, which contains a six months supply of invocations, prayers, sermons and benedictions, is no larger than a good-sized book. Among its contents are special programs for Easter, Christmas and New Year's day, and sermons. These sermons were written by Treasure Island chaplains and compiled by Commander H. G. Gatlin of the chaplain corps. They are to be used only at sea when no chaplain is available.

URGES DRAFTING CLERGYMEN AS CHAPLAINS

Albany, N. Y.—(RNS)—Drafting of clergymen as chaplains to the armed forces was proposed by Dr. Wilbur T. Clements, general secretary of the New York State Council of Churches, at the council's annual meeting here.

"The demand for chaplains is so acute in our armed forces; and the opportunity for Christian service there is so important," he said, "that I am in favor of the drafting of clergymen, as there may be of nurses, to meet the appalling needs of the boys in the service."

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IS IT FAIR?

"I've paid my dues to the D. A. R., Colonial Dames and Eastern Star, The P. T. A. and the U. D. C., American Legion Auxiliary, College Alumni—that check's been made, Country Club statement is due and paid, Everything's settled—a clean, wiped slate!

My church pledge? Well, it will just have to wait."

—Southern Baptist Bulletin.

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The minutes of Neshoba County Association, Rev. Walter McCraw, moderator, and Jeffie V. Moorhead, clerk, reveal the following facts: total church membership 3,862; baptisms 180; revivals held 24; Sunday school enrollment 1,850; Vacation Bible school enrollment 681; number Training Unions and Story Hours 45; enrolled in Training Unions 407; gifts to Cooperative Program \$2,439.64; total for all missions \$11,964.84; number of tithers 168.

The Mountaineer, college yearbook for Blue Mountain College, has been distributed to the faculty and students. It is dedicated to Rev. J. P. Kirkland, Walnut, chairman of the board of trustees of the college.

preacher that he was a coward; neither would I dare call you a coward, even though I see you act one, therefore I will be content with asking, Are you a coward?—C. F. Anglin, French Camp, Miss.